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President's Message

Dear Members:

Your board has just held its third of four meetings we hold each year. Our agenda focused on the state of our finances, membership, the next Annual Meeting and our use of electronic media to communicate.

You will be pleased to know that our finances continue to be solid, but at a level that does not permit us to fund much more than our publications. And despite our congratulating ourselves late last year on the year-to-year stability of our membership, our numbers do not look as good right now. Like other state birding clubs, we are suffering a decline. So if you are reading this issue of the *Meadowlark* and have not yet renewed your membership, please renew now to ensure that you will not miss a single issue. Sheryl DeVore and her team of writers and photographers continue to produce one of the best birding magazines in the country replete with seasonal highlights, bird-finding guides and articles of general interest to Illinois birders.

You'll also be pleased to know that after surveying bird club Websites around the country, we have decided to significantly upgrade our own site both as to content and as to functionality. Our Website compares favorably with those of other state bird clubs. However, our survey found a number of features in other sites that would add interest to ours and help improve communications with members and the public. Some of the other states' offerings are well worth considering for IOS such as two meetings each year and member-only value adds like searchable magazine archives and membership directories. Food for thought, and I welcome your comments on these suggestions.

Speaking of meetings, our Annual Meeting chairman, Bob Montgomery organized another wonderful gathering this May at Pere Marquette State Park. This is one of my favorite locations. The scenic park is set in forested hills along the Illinois River. It has a beautiful lodge and access to an excellent variety of habitats. All who attended had a great time meeting old friends, making new friends, and enjoying leisurely field trips in beautiful settings while viewing a wide variety of bird species. And for those who wanted a more intense birding experience, we had the Carlyle Lake trip.

Next year's Annual Meeting plans are already in place. We'll be in the Rockford area on June 3-5, where breeding warblers will be the focus. Mark your calendars and look for the detailed announcement in *Wings Over The Prairie* and on our Website, www.illinoisbirds.org in the coming months.

Here's wishing you all lots of great birding experiences. IOS is here to help you to get more out of your birding. If you have suggestions as to how we can improve our offerings, please let me know.

Good birding.

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Letter from the Editor

It's finally here – the long-awaited Breeding Bird Atlas, published. (see pages 45-49 in this issue for details.) One of the very first articles featured in *Meadowlark* focused on all the difficult, rewarding and exciting work we birders did to confirm breeding success of our favorite summer Illinois birds a dozen or so years ago. It's all coming back to me now – the joy of hearing the incessant, machine-like begging calls of young Yellow-headed Blackbirds from their natal marshes. Confirmed! The utter discouragement of a male Indigo Bunting taunting me with his song all summer long, yet never confirming his (and his mate's) nesting success. Probable. Never confirmed. The thrill of running across a grassland with a storm cloud following me, ready to release its rain, only to stumble upon a female Dickcissel on her nest. Confirmed! The location of two Cedar Waxwing nests and young right in my own neighborhood, and watching how the parents land much farther below the nest in the tree, then quietly hop up to the nest in the confines of greenery. And then discovering a windy storm that knocked one of the nests down before the young had fledged.

Yes, it's been way too long waiting for this Atlas to appear, but now that it is here, I'm going to revel in those early morning birding adventures I had right near my home. And I'm going to hope that someone will take on another survey as other states are doing, so we can have more adventures, but more importantly so we can document how important it is to conserve the habitats we explored that offer nesting places for Illinois birds.

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Eric Secker drew our cover of a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper. Eric is a regular contributor to *Meadowlark*.

The status of wintering Bald Eagles in central Illinois

by Richard and Sigurd Bjorklund

Introduction

The Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) is a common winter resident at the Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (CNWR) near Havana, Illinois. As participants and compilers of the annual CNWR Christmas Bird Count (CBC), we have birded the region for 32 winters. By the mid-1990s, at a time when the listed status of the Bald Eagle was being debated, we noted that the total number of eagles and the ratio of immature (juvenile/subadult) to adult eagles we were seeing suggested a growing population of this species in Illinois. A healthy population of Bald Eagles should be composed of more immatures than adults. In a 1992 survey of eagles in Illinois, only about one-third of the birds were immature (De Vore 1993). Further, by 1996 the number of Illinois counties with one or more eagle nests had increased to 23 from one in 1981 (Herkert 1997). Interest in the status of the species led us to the following research objectives: (1) to determine whether or not the total number of Bald Eagles recorded on 30 CBCs (1973-2002) had increased significantly, (2) to determine whether or not the number of immature eagles recorded on the same CBCs had increased significantly, and (3) to determine whether or not population structure was skewed toward juveniles/subadults by examining both the CBC data and our current (1997-2002) intensive monitoring of eagles at CNWR.

The 4,488-acre refuge consists of approximately 3,750 acres of open water managed within levees, a floodplain forest along the Illinois River, and a small amount of upland timber on the bluff along its eastern side. It has been designated as an Important Bird Area by the American Bird Conservancy for its concentrations of migratory waterfowl and as a Regionally Significant Site by the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network. A more detailed description of the refuge, including a site map, is available in DeVore (2000).

Methods

Data were obtained from two sources: (1) a traditional CBC count site (177 square miles within a circle with a radius of 7.5 miles) centered at CNWR and including parts of Mason, Fulton, and Tazewell counties and (2) censuses within CNWR which involved traversing 10.8 miles of levees weekly from the first week of November through March, 1997-2002. Eagles tallied within the timeline were considered wintering.

Our weekly censuses were conducted in cooperation with the CNWR management and with the Forbes Biological Station of the Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS). We reported all waterbirds and their associates seen along the census route. Censuses were made using a spotting scope (15-60x) and binoculars from stops established along the levees to permit clear viewing of open water and perimeter areas. Stops began at the north pool water control and continued on the north levee (three stops); then the levee along the west side of the north pool and Melz Slough (three stops); north and south sides of the cross dike (two stops each); the levee around the south pool (six stops); the observation tower; and the Nature Trail viewing platform. The distance from the beginning to the end of our census route totaled 10.8 miles. A motor vehicle was used as a slowly moving blind between stops. Stop duration was limited to the time required to tally eagles and waterbirds present. Special effort was made to avoid double counting by keeping track of eagles disturbed by our presence. Data were recorded on preprinted forms deposited with both the CNWR and the INHS.

In keeping with most field guide and bird count formats, all eagles not fully transformed to adult plumage, i.e., juvenile and subadult of Wheeler and Clark (1995), were

Above: Adult Bald Eagle.
At Right: Immature Bald Eagle
Photos by Mary Kay Rubey.

recorded as immature. Because weekly censuses tally only eagles seen within the refuge and its perimeter, more distant eagles were not tallied, and we were able to assign an age to every individual.

A Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project underway at CNWR in 1997-98 and 1998-99, along with severe weather, reduced our censuses to 15 each of these winters. Weather and circumstances beyond our control also caused cancellations in other years (n=81, range 15-18 for each of the five years). Weekly censuses were comparable year over year in that census dates for each week were within three days of the mean date for the five years involved. No fewer than five eagles were recorded on a refuge census, nor fewer than seven on a CBC.

For statistical testing, adult and immature eagles counted on CBCs were grouped in decades 1973-82, 1983-92, and 1993-2002. We then applied the Kruskal-Wallis Test (K-WT) (Conover 1980) to address two questions: Did the total CBC sample population increase significantly over the three decades? Did the immature portion of the same sample increase significantly over the same period? The K-WT statistic was considered significant if it exceeded the .05 tail value of the chi-square statistic with two degrees of freedom.

Results

Bald Eagle counts for 30 CBCs are displayed in Table 1. The total population increased significantly ($T=14.88$, d.f.=2, $p<0.005$). The number of immature eagles also increased significantly ($T=15.64$, d.f.=2, $p<0.005$). Further, in the third decade the population structure was skewed toward immature (Table 1 and Figure 1).

The possibility that increased effort might account for the results was examined. Appendix A shows that mean party hours declined in the third decade, while the number of eagles seen per party hour continued to increase and is now four times the first decade.

The mean number of adult and immature eagles recorded at CNWR on comparable dates during the five winters 1997-98 through 2001-02 is displayed in Figure 1. In four of the five winters, immature eagles greatly outnumbered adult eagles. For the five winters, immature eagles comprised 46.3- 67.8% (mean 57.8%) of the population.

Discussion

The ratio of immature to adult eagles aged by us at CNWR (Figure 1) was far greater than for 43 annual counts (1961-2003) reported by Ingram (2003), which averaged 28.8% immature and 3.2% age-unknown for the Midwest (Saint Croix and Mississippi rivers north of Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Tennessee). For the five years we reported in Figure 1, Ingram (2002) reported 31-38% immature for the Midwest. However, in January 2001, a watercraft survey organized by Bert Princen and Mark Werner of Peoria Audubon augmented the traditional shore survey conducted by Ingram, and found 54% immature eagles, close to our measure of 57% for 2000-01. Herkert (2000) reported that the January 2000 Bald Eagle Survey on a route south of Havana along the Illinois River tallied 41.9% immature (3% unaged). The portion of the Mississippi River included in the same Herkert survey listed only 25.5% as immature, but 22.7% were listed as unaged. In 2001-02, Joe Kath of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) compiled the IDNR Winter Bald Eagle Survey, which tallied 44.3% as immature (1.6% unaged) on the Mississippi portion of the count. Along the Illinois River, 38.7% were immature (14.2% unaged), but in 2002, when 2.1% were unaged along the Illinois River, 41.1% were aged immature. Of the 195 eagles reported from sites other than the two big rivers during 2001 and 2002, no eagle was unaged, and 41.0% were reported immature (J. Kath pers. comm.).

Ingram (2002) questioned the extent of the Bald Eagle recovery as reflected by the reduced number of immature eagles tallied during the January 2002 and 2003 counts. Before questioning the recovery, we suggest that factors which might influence count outcomes be examined. The fact that no eagles were unaged on sites away from the big rivers (Kath pers. comm.) and our experience at CNWR suggest that proximity to eagles tallied might be a factor. In any case, reliable age criteria are provided in Cohen (1993) and Wheeler and Clark (1995), which should be studied by eagle counters. Weather is another factor to consider. In addition to visibility, mild conditions with open water on floodplain lakes as well as rivers

tend to scatter eagles, while severe winters with ice choking even large rivers may move eagles farther south or to food supplies at dams. Immature eagles might react differently than adult eagles. However, our data indicate that in both severe and mild winters (2001-02 was the fifth mildest since record keeping began at the Peoria weather station) the ratio of immature to adult eagles was similar (Figure 1). Other reliable observers are also noting a high percentage of immature eagles in smaller samples from along the Peoria, LaGrange, and Alton pools of the Illinois River (Appendix B). If immature eagles are underrepresented, evaluation of population status is compromised. This is no small matter for research, management, conservation, and decision-making people pondering the status of listed species.

Only when a large number of adult eagles made a food-driven stopover did our seasonal immature count fall below 50% (Figure 1). In commenting on spring and fall migration, Buehler (2000) emphasized the importance of stopover habitat, where habitat suitability is apparently food-driven. On 4 February 1999, a combination of ice breakup on Lake Chautauqua and gizzard shad pouring over a refuge spillway attracted most of the 181 eagles (64% adult) we counted. We suspect CNWR is becoming an important stopover as well as a wintering habitat for Bald Eagles.

Winter survival needs were identified in DeVore (1993). Quoting extensively from the work of Thomas Dunstan, DeVore (1993) noted that good winter habitat must provide an available food source plus older and larger trees that offer sites for perching, loafing, and night-time roosting. Though sedimentation and barge traffic are destabilizing factors for large, old trees along the Illinois River, expansion and improvement of federal, state, and more recently privately controlled habitat restoration proj-

Figure 1: *Mean number of adult and immature Bald Eagles at Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge along a standardized census route for comparable dates, 1997-98 through 2001-02. The means are based upon 15 to 18 censuses during each of the five seasons, November through March.*

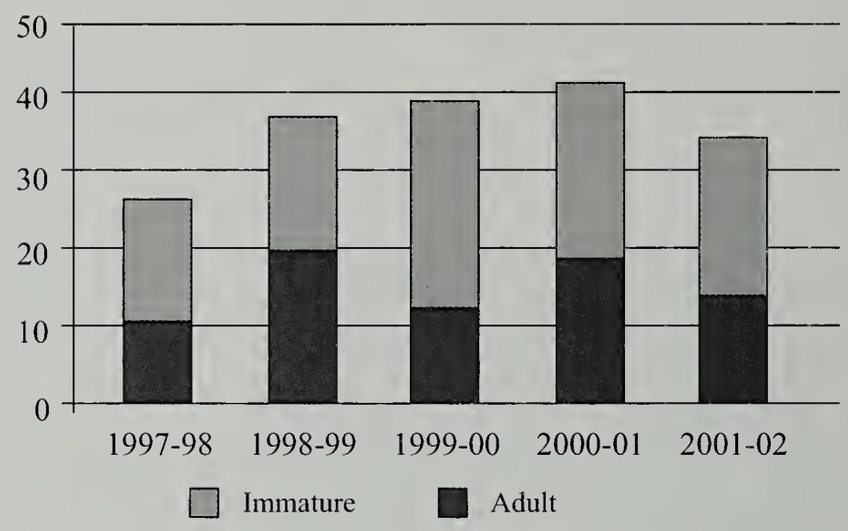

Table 1: *Bald Eagle numbers and ages (adult, immature, or unknown) from Audubon Christmas Bird Count centers at Chautauqua NWR, comparing 1973-82 with 1983-92 and 1993-2002. The standard deviation (s) was calculated for known-age eagles.*

Count Year	Ad	Im	Un	Count Year	Ad	Im	Un	Count Year	Ad	Im	Un
1973	7	3		1983	7	7		1993	47	27	3
1974	6	5		1984	50	33		1994	37	41	
1975	18	17		1985	29	17		1995	35	35	1
1976	10	6	1	1986	39	39	3	1996	42	39	
1977	9	8	1	1987	26	25		1997	39	35	
1978	23	21		1988	30	27	9	1998	41	58	
1979	5	2		1989	12	4		1999	79	72	
1980	26	13		1990	25	6	2	2000	32	39	
1981	17	12		1991	74	39		2001	24	19	
1982	6	3	1	1992	63	46	2	2002	54	52	
Means	12.7	9.0	0.3	**Means**	35.5	24.3	1.6	**Means**	43.0	40.8	0.4
s	7.7	6.5	1.4	*s*	21.4	15.2		*s*	15.0	15.8	
Age %	57.7	40.9	1.4	**Age %**	57.8	39.6	2.6	**Age %**	51.1	48.4	0.5

ects (Ducks Unlimited, Nature Conservancy, Wetlands Initiative) are improving prospects for recovery of the middle and lower Illinois River systems. These habitat management activities should eventually result in improved habitats for both wintering and breeding eagles.

Our data for Bald Eagles should serve as a reminder of the importance of careful, accurate counting of all species of birds. Illinois birders can participate in and enjoy many counts including the Illinois Audubon/IOS Statewide Spring Bird Count, Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey, Cornell Project Feeder Watch, Audubon/Cornell Big Backyard Count, and more. All of these have social and competitive dimensions, but they are also quasi-scientific. Some ensure quality control with a cadre of professionals. We should participate as citizen scientists. As such, in our quest for biodiversity, we may be able to help with the recovery of endangered species, and conservation biology in general, by generating reliable data to help redirect scarce resources from a few large, charismatic species, such as the Bald Eagle, to species and systems underfunded. Careful monitoring of the Bald Eagle should continue. Despite the presence of people and the condition of the system, its recovery to date is a success story in Illinois. It is essential that we enumerate species as correctly as possible, neither overstating nor understating the status of species or systems.

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Appendix A. Effort on 30 CBCs Centered at CNWR

Decade	Mean # Participants	Mean # Party Hours	Mean # Eagles/ Party Hour
1973-82	20.0	58.5	0.38
1983-92	22.6	60.5	1.01
1993-02	19.4	53.7	1.56

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Appendix B. Age-ratios of Bald Eagles from Personal Communications

Date	Location	Immature Number / %	Observer
16 Jan 2002	Havana to Beardstown	111 of 206(54%)	Robert Chapel
17 Jan 2002	Pekin	64 of 104(61%)	Sig Bjorklund
18 Jan 2002	Lake Meredosia	26 0f 43(60%)	Ross Adams
All Jan 2002	Spring Bay upriver from Peoria	Fewer roosting than 2001 but still 50% immature	Randy Root

Possible, probable, confirmed!

Three authors publish Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas

by Christine Williamson

The long-awaited Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas was published in August with little fanfare in the media, but with a great deal of anticipation from the state's birding community. The Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas (IBBA) is the result of the cooperative efforts of nearly 1,000 volunteer birders and numerous professional ornithologists who surveyed the state's breeding bird populations over six years from 1986 to 1991.

A bird in a nest is as good as confirmed! If atlas volunteers were lucky, they found birds such as this Yellow Warbler in a nest to confirm the species in their block for the Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas. This photo of a Yellow Warbler in her nest was taken 31 May 2004 near Montrose Point, Cook County, by Kanae Hirabayashi.

The Atlas' co-authors are Liane Cordle, a research scientist from the Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS), Champaign; Vernon Kleen, a retired avian ecologist and Avian Program Manager for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Springfield; and Robert A. Montgomery Jr., the retired director of the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, East Dundee, IL.

The 459-page book includes analysis, species accounts, photos and distribution maps for the 183 species (172 confirmed) breeding in Illinois during this period; comparisons of breeding atlas information with trends gleaned from the nationwide Breeding Bird Survey; an historical section on Illinois breeding bird populations; and many tables, charts, and appendices.

Tradition

The tradition of surveying an area's breeding bird populations and producing an atlas of bird distribution began in Europe and has been slowly spreading across the United States since the mid 1980s, said Cordle. Some states, including New York, that have already produced their atlases have begun another survey. The Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas grew out of a statewide mid-June birding challenge Kleen became involved in during the early to mid 1980s. After a few years of good participation, a core of ornithology professionals and volunteers realized they could use the for-fun event as a springboard to start the state's first breeding bird atlas project, which sought to document the status and distribution of Illinois' breeding birds.

Kleen organized the project under the auspices of the IDNR, then the Department of Conservation, which used a standardized methodology to divide the state into 6,151 topographical quadrangles of 7.5 minutes (average area about nine square miles). About 1,200 of these quads were designated as priority sites for bird survey purposes. Each of these priority areas was divided into sixths and the same one-sixth block (the west central block) was surveyed using standardized census protocols during the breeding season. The resulting distribution maps accordingly show fairly even census coverage across the state, Cordle said.

Three levels of breeding status were determined by surveyors: Possible (singing male in suitable nesting habitat, presence in suitable nesting habitat): Probable (agitated behavior, probable nest site, courtship behavior, etc.); and Confirmed (as evidenced by occupied nest, fledged young, used nest, distraction display, etc.).

Volunteers

In the first year of the breeding bird atlas project – 1986 – Kleen said most of the work was done by volunteers from Illinois bird clubs. The priority survey blocks selected for that year were near areas with active bird clubs, and many volunteers hit the field running, spending hundreds of hours in the field collecting data.

In the later years of the project, Kleen said that while many volunteers continued to survey their assigned plots within their counties annually, the IDNR needed to hire bird surveyors to census priority quad blocks where volunteers were scarcer. All in all, the IDNR funded the IBBA to the tune of about $20,000 per year for a total of $100,000 from the Wildlife Preservation Fund (funded through the Non-Game Check-Off program on Illinois tax returns).

Adopting a kind of blitz mentality, the IDNR organized block-

busting weekends to make sure that all of the priority quadrants were censused at least once during the six-year study period. In all, 216 species were observed in the state during the study period and 183 species were reliably considered nesters.

Data entry and map-making

While most bird census takers enter their data today directly into on-line data bases via web sites, way back in the early 1990s, field data came in hard copy. Montgomery and staff at the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation were contracted by the IDNR to put the IBBA data into electronic form using a standard format provided by the U.S. Geological Survey's Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, which also administers the separate Breeding Bird Survey program. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also provided funding for the project.

Cordle, in addition to her many other jobs at the INHS, was given the mass of electronic data about three years ago to turn into distribution maps. The IBBA was the first major publication for all three co-authors and Cordle for one, said the book production was "a big learning curve for me. Everything took longer than I thought it would. It's like one of those major movies – years in the making."

Kleen said he had intended to have multiple authors write the accounts of the 183 bird species breeding in Illinois, but decided that having one author – himself – would insure more consistency in form and analysis. Kleen worked at a pace in which he produced five species accounts per day, each taking between two and three hours to compile. Kleen said he enjoyed the work, but added his wife noticed that a great many chores simply didn't get done around their house during the height of the writing period.

Data analysis

Now that the IBBA is done, Cordle said its chief importance is in providing baseline data for future bird analysis. In addition to confirming such obvious trends as a decline in the number of confirmed grassland nesters, the IBBA data showed breeding range expansions in Illinois by species such as Mississippi Kite, Northern Mockingbird, White-eyed Vireo, Cliff Swallow, House Wren, Bald Eagle and Double-crested Cormorant.

One important point to note about the breeding bird atlas is that it gives a six-year snapshot of the range of a breeding bird's distribution in Illinois, but not population trends. Those who gathered data worked to confirm breeding success of a certain species in a particular block. This kind of survey is different from point count censuses, which are done to determine the population or population density of one particular species within a certain area.

Cordle said one limitation of the IBBA data was in documenting numbers of colonial nesters in the state, since the protocol required that the same one-sixth block be surveyed in every quad. Many known colonial nest sites in Illinois simply were not located within the designated survey area and aren't included within the data.

But what was most obvious from the IBBA data, Cordle said, is that another breeding bird atlas survey is needed. "These data are really valuable and it was important to publish it to do justice to all these people who contributed to the Atlas.

Atlas memories

Remember stomping through fields, mosquito-infested woods and wetlands to do the breeding bird atlas? Here are three memories from Kane, Vermilion and Lake County atlas volunteers. Perhaps they'll remind you of some of your interesting encounters while out confirming the success of Illinois' breeding birds.

The sting of a sparrow

Mary Jane Easterday sat for two hours in 90-degree heat in Vermilion County waiting for a Henslow's Sparrow to run to its grassland nest so she could confirm the species as breeding. During the wait, she got stung by seven bees, but said the welts were worth it.

To cheat or not to cheat

Margaret Mechtenberg admitted she was tempted to cheat and declare the Warbling Vireo as a confirmed breeder in Kane County. That species and the Common Yellowthroat were the most frustrating for her. And yes, she remained honest on her tabulation sheets. Warbling Vireo, in her block, remained on the probable, but not confirmed list. But she got the Common Yellowthroat when she observed a male doing its courtship display right in front of her.

But, mister, I was only birding

Sheryl De Vore put her life in jeopardy trying to confirm the breeding success of a Bobolink in Lake County. While standing on the edge of a hay field watching a female Bobolink through her binoculars, DeVore heard a "kaboom." The farmer who owned the field was shooting his gun into the air to scare DeVore away. It worked, but not before she confirmed Bobolink as a breeder when the female plunked a tasty morsel into a youngster's mouth.

But if realistically, the next Atlas probably could not be pulled together until the spring of 2006, that would be 20 years since the start of the first Atlas period," she said.

Kleen agreed. The IBBA will be useful to all kinds of municipal and state agencies which can use distribution maps to steer projects clear of areas with sensitive nesting birds, Kleen said. But he also noted that new data is needed as soon as possible since land use around the state has changed so dramatically since the survey was completed in 1991.

Neither Kleen nor Cordle said they plan to be the chief instigators for planning the next IBBA. Kleen said he would be honored to be involved in the next project, perhaps as a consultant, but noted that it might require pressure from the birding community on state administrators to dedicate staff and funding for such a big undertaking. That said, Kleen clearly hopes leaders will emerge from within Illinois' birding community who will pick up the torch for the next round of breeding bird Olympics in the state.

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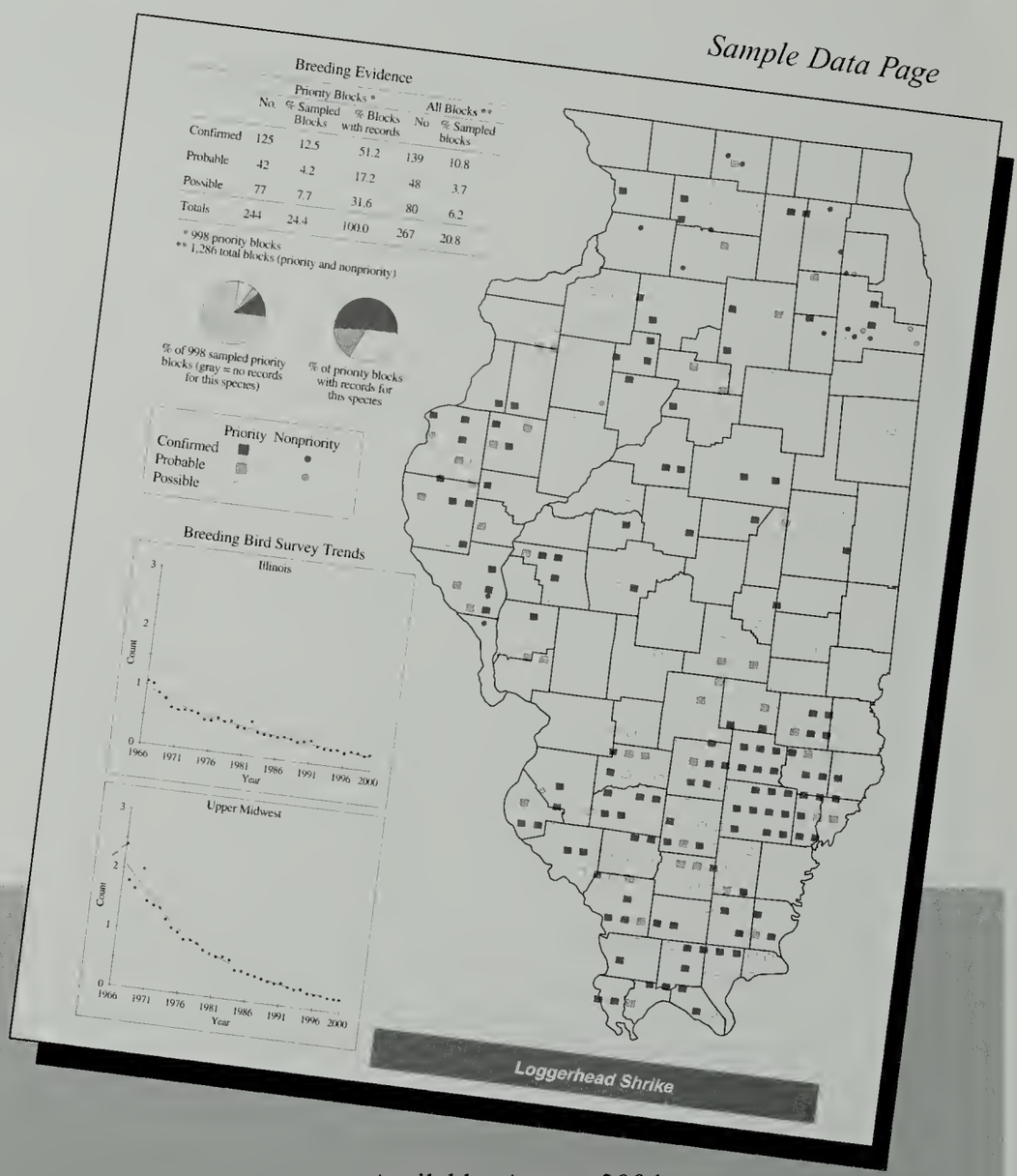
Editor's Note: *This and the next page represent one of the accounts found in the new Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas, courtesy of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, plus information on how to order the book.*

The Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas

The Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas project is a comprehensive statewide survey of the birds that breed in Illinois. Among the goals of the atlas project were the determination of the distributions of breeding birds and their status in the state, documentation of a baseline for future analysis, and education of the public about this natural resource.

Over a six-year period from 1986 to 1991, hundreds of volunteers spent thousands of hours locating birds and collecting data using standardized protocol in precisely located areas throughout the state. Of the 197 bird species reported with some evidence of breeding in Illinois during the atlas project, 172 species were documented as confirmed breeders, 15 species as probable breeders, and 10 species as possible breeders.

This publication summarizes the results of the data collection. The introductory sections include a description of the project, its methodology, and a summary of results. The species accounts section includes information on the range, abundance, breeding habitat, life history, historical status, recent population trends, and distribution in the state for 183 species which bred in Illinois during the Atlas project period.



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Loggerhead Shrike — *Lanius ludovicianus*

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Code: LOSH
Rangewide Distribution: south-central Canada, south through most of the U.S. and Mexico.

ILLINOIS
Abundance: rare migrant and uncommon to rare summer and winter resident, decreasing northward.
Endangered/Threatened Status: threatened
Breeding Habitat: open fields with scattered trees, open woodland, and shrubland; thorny trees.
Nest: a bulky cup of twigs, forbs, and bark strips woven together and lined with finer materials, in tree.
Eggs: 5–6, grayish buff, marked with gray, brown, or black near large end.
Incubation: 16–17 days.
Fledging: from 17 to 21 days.

The breeding range of the Loggerhead Shrike includes south-central Canada, much of the U.S. except the northeastern and northwestern regions, and Mexico. Shrikes inhabit open country with short vegetation interspersed with hedgerows, scattered trees, and bushes, where they are often seen perching on branches or wires along roadsides, waiting for prey. Loggerhead Shrikes eat large insects, small mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. Hedges and trees that have slender, sharp-pointed thorns, such as Osage orange and honey locust, are used for impaling and caching prey; hence its nickname "butcher bird." As hedgerows have disappeared, shrikes have increasingly used barbed wire fences for the same purpose. They often utilize Osage orange, honey locusts, red cedars, and rose for nesting because they offer concealment and protection for their nests. Loggerhead Shrike populations have declined throughout North America in recent decades (Yosef 1996). Loss of grassy pastures and hedgerows due to changing agricultural practices and development in the latter half of the 1900s have contributed to the decline (Graber et al. 1973). Increased use of pesticides such as DDT has been suggested as negatively impacting the population but the shrike population has continued to decline even after these pesticides were banned (Yosef 1996).

Illinois History
In early accounts the Loggerhead Shrike was described as "a more or less common species" (Ridgway 1889) and a common summer resident (Cory 1909). In the 1950s it was still a fairly common species in the Chicago region (Ford 1956). Graber et al. (1973) reported that the population had steadily declined in the northern and central portions of Illinois between 1907 and 1957, and by 1973 the entire northern and central population had basically disappeared. The loss of hedgerows and pastures was thought to be the primary reason for its decline at that time. As a result of a dramatic population decline especially between the 1950s and 1970s, the Loggerhead Shrike is listed as a threatened species in Illinois.

Breeding Bird Survey Trends
For 1966–2000, the trend estimate for the population in Illinois is –4.5% per year (nonsignificant, $P = 0.10$). The upper Midwest population of the Loggerhead Shrike declined from 1966 to 2000 at an annual rate of –8.4% (significant, $P < 0.01$).
Credibility Index: IL = 2 and UM = 2.

Distribution
Loggerhead Shrikes occurred statewide (they were reported in priority blocks in 80 counties) but were concentrated in the southern and western counties during the atlas project. Records were scattered in the northern and central counties. There is now a fairly large population at the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in Will County, which was not reported during the atlas project. Although the northern and central Illinois populations were nearly eliminated by the 1970s, atlas data suggest that local and widely scattered populations are occurring in those parts of the state.

Frequency
The Loggerhead Shrike was reported from 244 (24.4%) priority blocks and 23 nonpriority blocks. It was Confirmed as breeding in 125 (12.5%) of the priority blocks, mostly by observations of fledged young (59 FL records) and adults feeding young (29 FY records). Breeding was relatively easy to confirm.

Chicago Black-tailed Gull: second inland North American record

by Robert Hughes

There's a darker-backed gull over here.

Those were the prophetic words of Montrose birder Mike Miller early on the morning of 7 August 2003. Upon hearing Mike, I swung my telescope around to where he was looking and almost immediately noticed what looked like an adult Lesser Black-backed Gull standing on the beach with the resident Ring-billed Gulls. In the back of my mind I knew this could be the coveted Black-tailed Gull that had been seen as recently as the day before at Miller Beach in Indiana and several months earlier along the southern Wisconsin lakefront and Lake County, Illinois. We were too far away to see the diagnostic red tip to the bill so, with hearts racing and hopes soaring, we picked up our scopes and gear and ran over to get a better look at the bird. With closer views the red-tipped bill was visible, clinching the identification as a Black-tailed Gull (*Larus crassirostris*), almost certainly the Black-tailed Gull that had apparently been wandering around Lake Michigan for the past few months.

After taking a few dozen photos I made a mental description of the bird. It was about the same size as a Ring-billed Gull and had a slaty-gray mantle similar in color to a graellsii Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*), yellow legs, a yellow bill with a black subterminal band and red tip, and a black tail band. Within minutes other birders started to arrive including Montrose regulars Kanae Hirabayashi and John Purcell. I decided that I had enough photos of the bird so I sped home to get word out regarding this Asian vagrant that was at Montrose Beach. Luckily, the Black-tailed Gull spent several hours at Montrose and, unlike the earlier sightings in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, was seen by a number of birders. The bird also made the Channel 7 evening news, the Chicago Tribune, and the MSNBC website.

Black-tailed Gull at Montrose, Cook County. 7 August 2003. Photo by Robert Hughes.

Over a 54-day period, nearly two months, in three different states, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, between Miller Beach, just easy of Gary, Indiana, to Racine, Wisconsin, a Black-tailed Gull, probably the same individual, was observed a minimum of five different places. These include the Racine and Kenosha, Wisconsin lake fronts; the south unit of Illinois Beach State Park in Lake County, Illinois' Montrose Beach in Chicago and Miller Beach, Indiana. The distance between the farthest two locations (Miller and Racine) is 83 miles, as the crow flies. Between approximately 7 a.m. 12 June 2003 (Wind Point in Racine) and its next sighting at 6:30 p.m. 13 June 2003 (south unit of Illinois Beach State Park), the bird had moved approximately 19 miles. The Black-tailed Gull was also seen 12 June 2003 on the beach south of Cohorama Point in Kenosha, Wisconsin. It was seen 5 August 2003 at Miller Beach in Indiana before it was found two days later at Montrose in Chicago.

The Black-tailed Gull is normally found in the western Pacific Ocean around Japan (Harrison 1983). Indeed, one of the common names of this species is Japanese Gull. There are about 11 records for Alaska and another 9 or so for the rest of North America, including sightings as far south as Belize and as far east as Newfoundland, Canada (Lethaby and Bangma 1998). What makes the Chicago Black-tailed Gull significant is that there is only one previous interior North American record of this species, a bird seen in 1987 at Lake Winnepegosis, Manitoba. Clearly this is not a species that is likely to show up in the Midwest anytime again soon.

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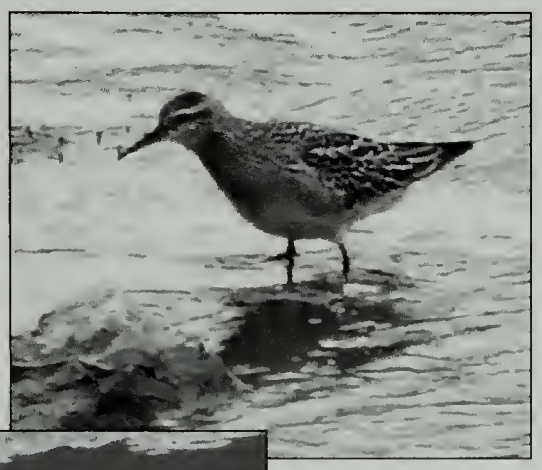
Editor's Note: *The Illinois Ornithological Records Committee accepted this sighting as the first confirmed state record of Black-tailed Gull. See the Committee's report, which features this species, in this issue.*

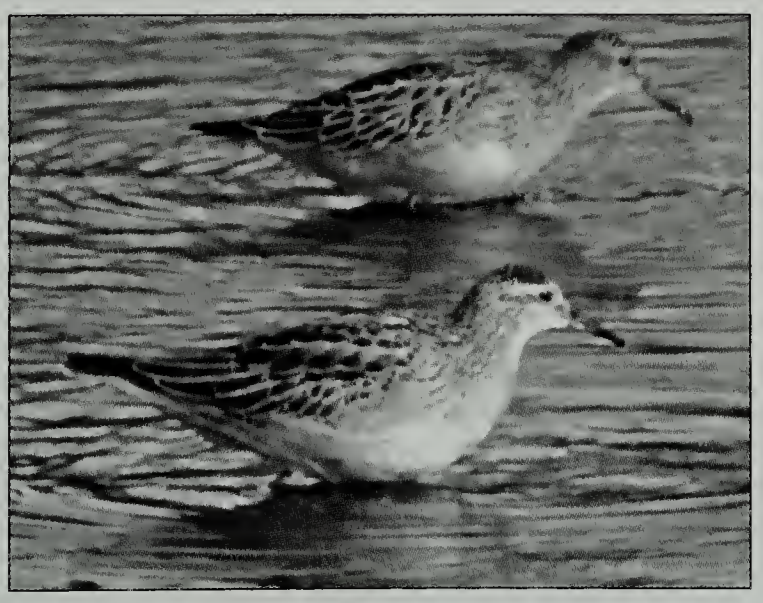
Kane County Sharp-tailed Sandpiper: fifth Illinois record

by Scott Cohrs

On the morning of Saturday, 27 September 2003, I decided to visit Blackhawk Forest Preserve on the Fox River in Kane County. Having recently moved to the area, I enjoyed the chance to see several new birding sites. A few weeks earlier I had read a posting on Illinois' birding list service, IBET, regarding shorebirds at Blackhawk, and it now had become a regular stop.



Water levels had been perfect the fall of 2003 for shorebirds on the Fox River. The river was low, exposing several gravel and sand banks that were enticing to waders. The morning of 27 September 2003 was no exception. Several Pectoral Sandpipers and assorted other peeps were feeding in the river. As I was sorting through the various shorebirds, a bird with the Pectorals caught my eye. One of the Pectoral Sandpipers seemed to have an extremely bright rufous cap, and other characteristics of the bird just didn't seem quite right. I noted the rufous cap, as well as rufous tertials and lack of defined streaking on the breast. Unfortunately (in terms of taking notes on a possible rare bird), at this time I began talking with a non-birder who was interested in the other birds present. I showed him an egret in my scope, and eventually lost track of the sandpiper I was looking at and had to leave for other commitments.



1: Sharp-tailed Sandpiper at Blackhawk Forest Preserve, Kane County. 3 October 2003. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

2 & 3: Sharp-tailed Sandpiper at Blackhawk Forest Preserve, Kane County. 4 October 2003. Photo by Louise Augustine.

4: Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (front) with Pectoral Sandpiper at Blackhawk Forest Preserve, Kane County. 4 October 2003. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

I arrived home that night thinking I may have seen a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Calidris acuminata*). However, I had no experience with this bird and knew that I hadn't studied it enough to decide definitively. Ironically, a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper had been found in Indiana the previous day and a picture of that particular bird was on the Surfbirds website. Upon seeing that picture, and with encouragement from my girlfriend, I decided to return the next day and try to view the bird again.

Fortunately, on 28 September, I was able to relocate and observe the sandpiper from a footbridge that crosses over the Fox River at this location. From this great vantage point, I was able to again note the aforementioned rufous cap and tertials. I was also able to see a well-defined supercillium and thin white eye ring, as well as a buff wash on the breast with no streaks Finally, I noted that the rufous edging on the tertials seemed to be broader than that of the nearby Pectoral Sandpipers' (*C. melanotos*). Until this point, I was trying to convince myself that I was not viewing a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper but rather just a weird Pectoral Sandpiper. But as each field mark was confirmed, I knew it was not a Pectoral. I consulted my Sibley and Kaufmann field guides one final time and concluded this bird was indeed a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper.

The hard part was only beginning. For starters, I was not a member of the IBET group, and did not yet have computer access at home.

This made alerting birders of the sighting a bit difficult. Also, it was now late Sunday evening. I knew that many birders would not have an opportunity to chase this bird, especially during the beginning of the week. I had hoped that others could share in the sighting but feared the bird might leave before that was possible.

Despite my concerns, on Monday, 29 September, I e-mailed a description of the bird to Eric Secker and asked if he could please post it to the IBET site. He was kind enough to forward it on, and on Tuesday, 30 September, several local birders found the bird. The sandpiper was present through the next weekend, allowing many birders from miles around a chance to view the bird. To the best of my knowledge, the last sighting of the Sharp-tailed Sandpiper was on 6 October 2003.

The Sharp-tailed Sandpiper is normally found in northern Siberia, where it breeds primarily between the Lena and Kolyma Rivers. It migrates to Australia in the winter. The Sharp-tailed Sandpiper is listed as accidental on the Illinois Bird Checklist (IOS Website 2003). If accepted, this will be the fifth confirmed record for Illinois.

The first recorded and photographed Sharp-tailed Sandpiper in the state was at Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge, 1974 September 28 and 29 (Bohlen and Sandburg 1975). The second sighting and only other northern Illinois record was a bird found by Jim Landing in Cook County 6 October 1985 (Retter 2001).

Kevin Richmond and Louise Augustine reported a juvenile 25 September 1990 at Big Lake and Rice Lake in Fulton County, which was accepted as the state's second record. On 23 September 2001, Kevin Richmond discovered a juvenile Sharp-tailed Sandpiper at Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge, Mason County. It remained at the site until at least 30 September, and represents the state's fourth record. (Retter 2001). Several other sharp-tails have been reported but not accepted; for a list of these and the accepted sightings, see Dan Kassebaum's Website: www.monroe.k12.il.us/websites/dkassebaum/sharptail.htm.

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I would like to thank Eric Secker for forwarding my description to IBET alerting others of the bird. Also, I would like to thank Jon Duerr, who was one of the first to relocate the sandpiper and whose work, along with the entire staff of the Kane County Forest Preserve, helped give us such a great site to bird.

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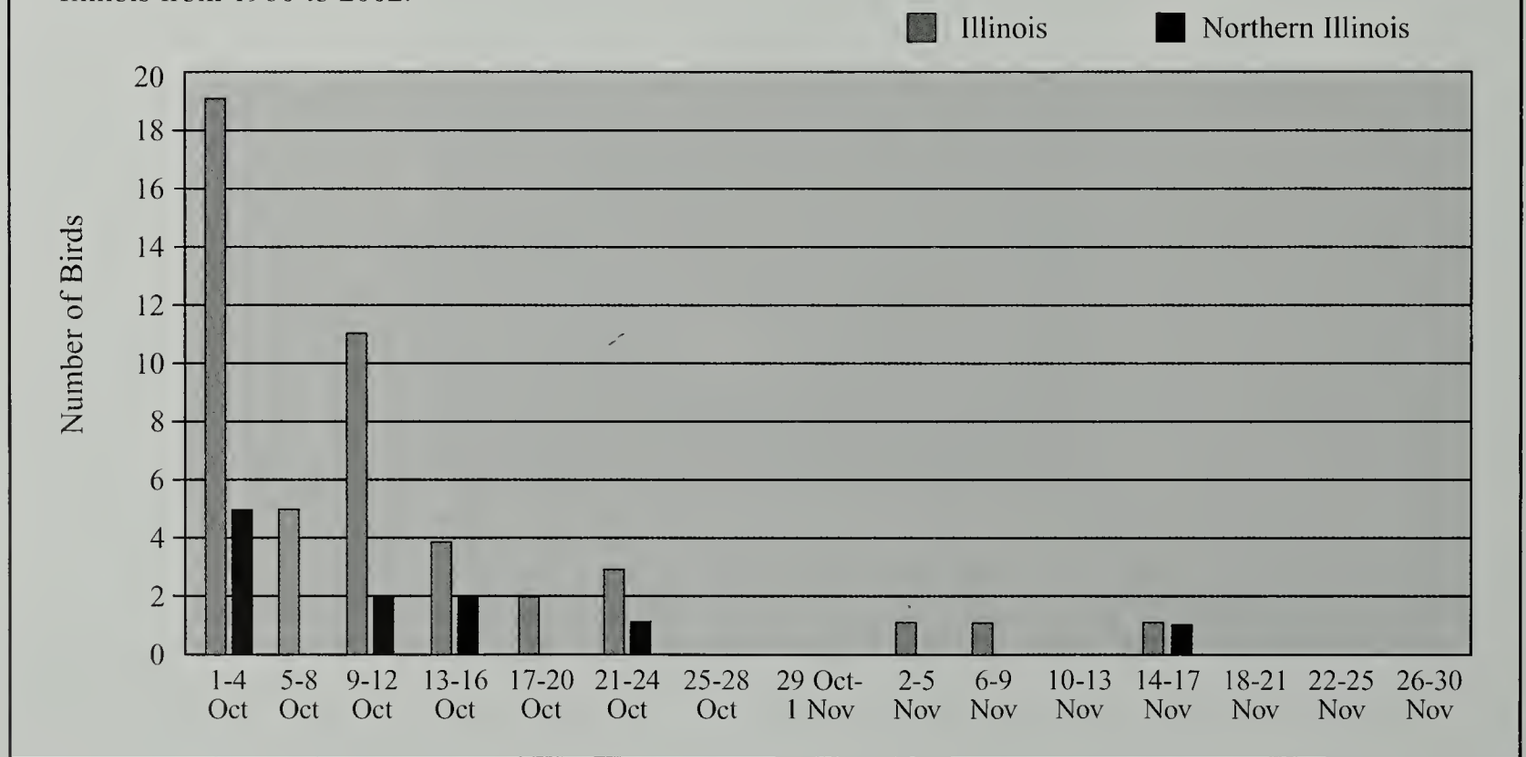
Figure 1: Number of October and November records of Northern Parula in Illinois and in northern Illinois from 1980 to 2002.



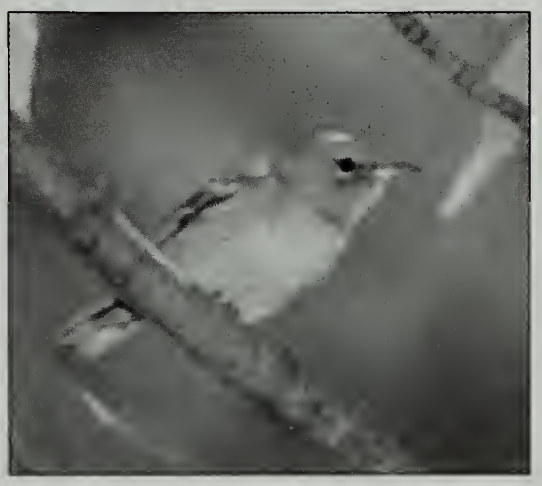
Record late fall date in 2002 for Northern Parula

by Geoffrey Williamson

On 16 November 2002 Christine Williamson and I birded Lincoln Park in Chicago (Cook County). We made sure to visit the Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary (formerly known as the Lincoln Park Bird Sanctuary) because we had heard that a White-breasted Nuthatch and a Red-bellied Woodpecker were present there. Both species are quite unusual for Lincoln Park.

While at the south end of the sanctuary, Christine called to me that she had spotted a late warbler foraging near the ground in some brushy growth. From 15 feet away we looked through 10-power binoculars at a small warbler with blue upperparts except for a green back, and with a relatively short tail. The two white wingbars, the white crescents above and below the eyes, the yellow throat and breast, and the broad and suffuse red and black partial band centered on the upper breast told us we were viewing a Northern Parula (*Parula americana*). The strength of the coloration overall and the size and extent of the breast band led us to believe this bird was an adult male.

A review of published sightings showed this bird to be the latest record for northern Illinois and the latest fall reeord, excluding winter



Northern Parula, Montrose, Cook County. 23 May 2004. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

sightings, for all of Illinois. Figure 1 (page 52) shows the distribution of sightings of Northern Parula in Illinois during October and November from 1980 to the present. Sources consulted to provide data for Fig. 1 include fall migration and winter reports in both *Meadowlark* Volumes 1 to 10 and *Illinois Birds and Birding* Volumes 1 to 7, fall and winter Seasonal Reports from Fall 1980 to Winter 1983/1984 of the Avian Ecology, Natural Heritage Section of Illinois Department of Conservation (Kleen 1980 to 1984), Robinson (1996), Mlodinow (1984) and Bohlen (1989). Sightings from northern Illinois are also marked in Fig. 1. The previous November records were both from Springfield (Sangamon County): a 7 November 1985 sighting by H. David Bohlen (Bohlen 1989, Kleen 1986) and a 4 November 1980 bird banded by Vernon Kleen (Kleen 1980). The previous latest date for northern Illinois was 22 October 1995 for a bird found in Chicago (Cook County) by Al Stokie (Chapel 1996).

There are three winter records of Northern Parula in Illinois. The most recent was a freshly dead adult found by Todd Fink on 20 December 1994 at Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge (Robinson 1996). The specimen is housed at the Illinois State Museum. The second record was 1 January 1993 on the Middlefork Valley CBC (Palmer 1983). This bird was photographed by Dick Palmer and Myrna Deaton. The first record was from Belleville (St. Clair County) from mid-December to early February of the 1982/1983 winter, with this Northern Parula surviving on peanut butter at a feeding station (Bohlen 1989).

Interestingly, the former two records were birds roosting with Yellow-rumped Warblers in pine plantations (pers. comm. S. Bailey).

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Tenth Report of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee

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Evaluations by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC, or the Committee) are reported here for a total of 46 records, including 42 accepted records of 33 species plus a hybrid, and four unaccepted records of three species. A total of 54 observers contributed descriptions or photographs documenting the records included in this report. Included herein are reviewed species evaluations by the current committee from 2002 though 2004, plus some earlier records that had not beeen previously evaluated, as well as records that earlier incarnations of the committee evaluated, but never published. The committee is examining the archives of IORC to bring the publications of the committee up-to-date. We will publish early records that the committee has already evaluated without further evaluation by the committee. Records assigned an IORC reference number, but that have not been evaluated previously by the committee, will be evaluated by the current committee. We anticipate being current with the historical records within two to three years.

Format: The format of this report follows the conventions used in the first through ninth reports of the committee (Goetz and Robinson 1988; Goetz 1989; Goetz 1990; Johnson, Deaton and Clyne 1998; Johnson and Stotz 1999; Stotz and Johnson 2000; Stotz 2001; Stotz and Johnson 2002; Stotz and Johnson 2003). The records below are divided into two major groups: Accepted and Unaccepted. Each of these groups is then further divided into Review List Records and Other Records. The sequence of species conforms to that of the seventh edition of the American Ornithologists' Union's checklis, (1998) and its supplements, through the 44th (Banks et al. 2003).

An accepted record is entered with the locality (including the standard abbreviation for the county), the date, and (in parentheses) the IORC record number (the first four characters of which give the year of the first observation), and the initials of the primary observer(s) who contributed specimens, descriptions, and/or photographs. Similar information is provided for unaccepted records, except the observers remain anonymous, and a brief explanation of why the record was not accepted is given. Photographic evidence is noted following a contributor's name by an asterisk (*); when the photographic evidence is known to be a videotape, a "v" is appended (*v);*p,v indicates both photographic and video evidence presented by same contributor. Many contributing photographers also submitted written descriptions, a practice the committee encourages. If the observer(s) who first discovered the bird submitted documentation, their initials are set off from the initials of other contributors by a semicolon. Initial observers who did not submit documentations are not always listed. For specimen records, a sharp (#) follows an abbreviation for the institution holding the specimen, along with that institution's catalogue number of the specimen.

We have made an attempt to reference published photographs and brief accounts (such as seasonal highlights published in the *Meadowlark*) by journal number and page. Articles are cited by author and date and are indexed in the list of references. Seasonal highlights in the *Meadowlark* dealing with first state records are treated as articles. If a photograph was published in *North American Birds* or the *Meadowlark*, an attempt has been made to reference the publication of those photographs. Any errors of omission are the fault of the authors.

Several records that were seen by several to many observers were documented by only one or two of these observers. The committee would like to encourage all observers to document all the review list species they see. Documentation by multiple observers can provide additional evidence and support for the identity of rarities. Often records that have not been accepted suffer from incomplete information, a problem which additional documentation by other observers could help overcome.

Information on the age and sex of the birds reported may be an opinion of the person(s) submitting the evidence and is not necessarily an accepted position of the committee. All other remarks are the authors', although most of the information comes from the committee files which are now stored in Chicago, Illinois, in the Bird Division of the Field Museum.

In several cases there are discrepancies between the details presented here vs. other published sources, especially regarding dates of occurrence. The data in this report provide the committee's best assessment of all available information. We have not generally commented on records that are published elsewhere with more limited data than contained here, but we have made explicit note of apparent errors in published data. The

committee accepts responsibility for any inaccuracies or misrepresentations of information herein. Errors that come to our attention will be published as corrigenda in a future report.

Abbreviations: References to seasonal reports in the journals *Illinois Birds and Birding; Meadowlark, A Journal of Illinois Birds; American Birds* and *North American Birds* are abbreviated by IBB, MJIB, AB, and NAB, respectively, followed by volume and page numbers. Months are abbreviated by their first three letters. County abbreviations largely follow those adopted in Johnson, Deaton and Clyne (1998).

"Northern", "central", and "southern Illinois" refer to specific subsections of the state as first defined by Gault (1922); see also Bohlen (1978). The terms "region" and "regional" apply to the Middlewestern Prairie Region as used in FN and NAB and include Illinois as well as Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, and most of Ohio and Kentucky.

Young male Rufous Hummingbird at feeder in Elgin, Kane County. Fall 2003. Photo by Sue Douglas. This bird was seen from 27 September 2002 to 4 January 2003.

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Review List: The Review List includes species for which the committee will review all records or all records outside of some determined range within the state. These are species that, in general, average two or fewer records per year in the state, or that are extremely rare in all but a few counties in the state. The current review list was approved at the 18 January 2003 committee meeting. IORC requests and welcomes evidence concerning all records for the review species listed on the review list on the IOS/IORC website: http://www. illinois birds. org/iorc.html. In addition, any species not listed in the checklist of Illinois state birds (IORC 1999) should be documented.

Documentation of regular species may be appropriate when they occur out of season, i.e., exceptionally early arrival dates or late departure dates for migratory species. All first state nesting records should also be documented. Exceptionally high counts of species may also merit documentation. These documentations should generally be sent to the seasonal editor of the Field Notes in the Meadowlark.

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ACCEPTED RECORDS ... Review List Records Accepted (23 records of 21 species)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

(*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) One at Chau, MSN on 21 Aug to 8 Oct (2003.020; R&SB, HDB*, LA*). This is the second record of this expanding species in Illinois. A report from spring 2003 is still under review.

Barrow's Goldeneye

(*Bucephala islandica*) One female at Belmont Harbor, Chicago COO on 24 to 28 Mar (1979.005; JL, WH, GN).

Neotropic Cormorant

(*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) One at Fermilab DUP on 15 Apr (1989.016; PK).

Magnificent Frigatebird

(*Fregata magnificens*) One along the Lake Michigan lakefront COO on 28 Sep (1988.068; DP, RB, WF, RHu, SS). This individual, a juvenile, was seen following the passage of Hurricane Gilbert along the Gulf Coast. It was first observed at Jackson Park at about 7:30 AM flying north, and then subsequently observed in Lincoln Park and finally at Wilmette at about 9:30 AM.

Roseate Spoonbill

(*Platalea ajaja*) one immature near Vandalia on 22 Jun to 8 Jul, and at Carlyle Lake, FAY on 14 Jul to 16 Aug (2003.015: TM*, DK*). Mahan (2004) provides an account of this record, and two photos. It represents the

first accepted record for Illinois. It was one of several records of spoonbills during the summer and fall of 2003 in the central US, north of its normal range (Mahan 2004). The state checklist (IORC 1999) previously considered this species hypothetical. Bohlen (1989) treated the species as extirpated, but details only a skeleton from a pre-Colombian archaeological site (possibly a trade item from outside Illinois), a specimen that was not preserved and reported by a different author over 30 years later, and second-hand reports in Ridgway (1895) from twenty years earlier. Mahan (2004) mentions another specimen, without locality data, that some circumstantial evidence suggests could have been collected in Fayette County, Illinois.

Prairie Falcon

(*Falco mexicanus*) one at Forest Glen Preserve, VER on 26 Nov (1989.049; MJE).

Ruff

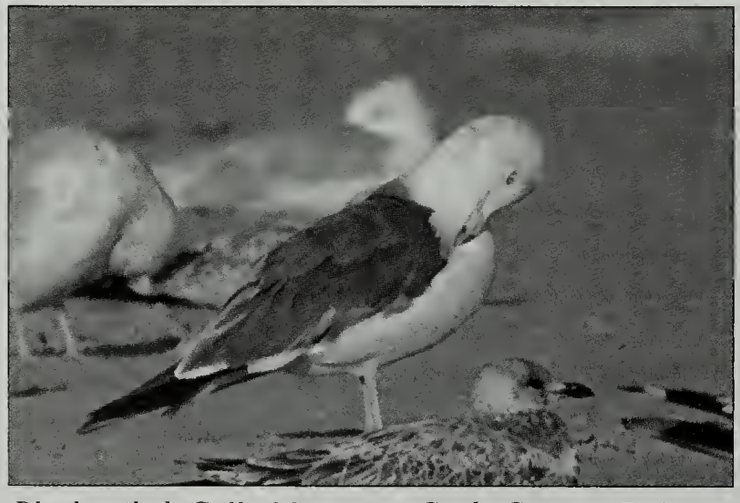
(*Philomachus pugnax*) One at Rice Lake FUL on 3 Sep (1988.102; MB).

Snowy Plover

(*Charadrius alexandrinus*) One at Meredosia Lake MOR on 27-28 Apr (2003:011; BA, TM*). An account of this record, along with a photo of the bird is provided by Atwood (2004). This is the fourth accepted record of Snowy Plover for Illinois. The 1993 record from near Fountain Bluff, Jackson County mentioned by Atwood (2004) has not been reviewed by IORC. The committee has not received documentation of this record. If anyone is aware of extant documentation of this record, the committee would be interested in seeing this documentation.

Pomarine Jaeger

(*Stercocorarius pomarinus*) One at Northwestern University Landfill, Evanston, COO on 16 Oct (1978.007; GN).



Black-tailed Gull. Montrose, Cook County. 7 August 2003. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Black-tailed Gull

(*Larus crassirostris*) One adult at Montrose, Chicago, COO on 7 Aug (2003.012; RHu*, KH*)

See an article in this issue for details on this first-state record for this species.

White-winged Dove

(*Zenaida asiatica*) One at Soldier Field, Chicago COO on 13 May (2003.007; DFS, TS, GW)

Barn Owl

(*Tyto alba*) One at Big River State Forest HND on 19 Dec (1988.119; BB).

Burrowing Owl

(*Athene cunicularia*) One approximately one mile northwest of Allerton (Vermilion County) in far e. CHA on 17 Mar (2003.008; JS*). This is the first Illinois record since 1985, and is the earliest spring record (Bohlen 1989). Smith (2003) provides an account of the record accompanied by two photos taken by S. Bailey.

Rufous Hummingbird

(*Selasphorus rufus*) One young male at a feeder in Elgin, KNE on 27 Sep (2002.025; MKR*, TM*, BM) to 4 January 2003. One adult male in LEE on 20-22 Apr (2003.009; A&PY*; JEH). The latter record represents the first spring record for this species. As wintering populations continue to increase along the Gulf Coast, it is to be expected that more spring birds will begin appearing in Illinois.

Vermilion Flycatcher

(*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) One female at Lincoln Park, Chicago COO on 8 to 12 Apr (1981.013; JL). This bird was supposedly photographed but no photos appear to be in the IORC archives. If anybody has photos of this bird, the committee would encourage them to be submitted.

Bewick's Wren

(*Thryomanes bewickii*) One at Montrose, Chicago COO on 6 Apr (2003.006; GW). This bird was seen by numerous observers during its brief stay, but documentation was submitted to the committee by only one observer. Photographic evidence was apparently obtained, but has not been seen by the committee.

Varied Thrush

(*Ixoreus naevius*) One at a feeder in Libertyville LAK from late Apr to 5 May (2003.022; MM*). This is the latest spring record for this species. One at Bushnell McD on 20 Nov (2003.023; LLH*).

Grace's Warbler

(*Dendroica graciae*) One at Montrose, Chicago COO on 8 Sep (2003.021; RHu*, KH*) First-state record for this species. See photos in this report. Also, please see a more detailed article on the Grace's Warbler in Illinois in the next issue of Meadowlark.

Swainson's Warbler

(*Limnothlypis swainsoni*) One south of Carbondale JAC on 4 to 10 May (2003.011; VL, FB, RR). The last known breeding population of Swainson's Warbler disappeared from Illinois in the 1990s. The few documented records since that time have consisted of spring migrants, including this one. Undocumented reports and rumors continue for Swainson's Warbler during the breeding season. It seems reasonable that a breeding population

could still exist or re-establish itself in Illinois as succession creates the appropriate cane habitat for this species.

Great-tailed Grackle

(*Quiscalus mexicanus*) One female 2 miles east of Savanna CAR on 10 May (2003.022; JB*). This bird constitutes the first record for the Spring Bird Count.

Bachman's Sparrow

(*Aimophila bachmani*) Two at Little Grassy Lake JAC on 7 Sep (1975.009; BP). The history of Bachman's Sparrow in Illinois is one of range expansion, then contraction and finally extinction (see Bohlen 1989 for details). The species was apparently restricted to southern Illinois in the 1800s. By the early 20th century, there were records from much of the state and it bred near the Wisconsin line. Soon after, the species began to disappear, and by the 1950s was again found in only southern Illinois. This record is the last record from the state. Although appropriate habitat still exists, declines elsewhere in the northern part of its range (Palmer-Ball 1996) suggest that the species is gone for good from Illinois.

Grace's Warbler. Montrose, Cook County. 8 September 2003. Photos by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Other Accepted Records:

(16 records of 11 species, plus one record of a hybrid)

Blue-winged Teal

(Anas discors) One at Elgin KNE on 18 Dec (1989.072; BD).

Pacific Loon

(*Gavia pacifica*) One at Clinton Lake DEW on 4 November (1989.037; RCh). One at Lake Decatur MCN on 19 Apr (1989.015; MD, RP).

Little Blue Heron

(*Egretta caerulea*) One in MAD on 19 Dec (1987.137; JHn).

White-faced Ibis

(*Plegadis chihi*) one adult near Fountain MNR on 5-6 May (1978.005; WR, RA). One at Cahokia, STC on 10 to 22 Sep (1983.007; RG, PS). One at Clear Lake, MAS on 4-5 Apr (2003.005; TM *p). A majority of the committee did not think that the photographs taken of the Clear Lake bird were unequivocally identifiable to species. However, written documentation established the identification beyond a doubt.

Glossy Ibis

(*Plegadis falcinellus*) One at the Cinder Flats, SAN on 4 May (1982.011; HDB). One at Clear Lake MSN on 18-26 Sep (1988.070; LA).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

(*Larus fuscus*) One at Joliet WLL on 28 Nov (1986.196; JM). One at Lock and Dam 19, HAN on 20 to 22 Oct (1986.199; JF, RCe) .

Sabine's Gull

(*Xema sabini*) One at Clinton L DEW on 9 Oct (1988.094; MD).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

(*Tyrannus forficatus*) One near Wolf Lake UNI on 29 Dec (1988.127; DR). This is the only winter record and Christmas Bird Count record for Illinois and one of the very few north of the Gulf Coast.

Golden-winged X Blue-winged Warbler "Lawrence's" Warbler

(*Vermivora pinus x chrysoptera*) One in ne UNI on 7 May (1988.046; GH).

Palm Warbler

(*Dendroica palmarum*) One of the hypochrysea race at Tri-County SP, DUP on 10 Apr (2003.014; MS).

Lincoln's Sparrow

(*Melospiza lincolni*) One e. of Beverly, ADA on 26 Dec (1989.094; LF).

Harris' Sparrow

(*Zonotrichia querula*) One adult at Clinton Lake DEW on 17 Dec (1989.096; LA).

UNACCEPTED RECORDS ... Review List Records Unaccepted (4 records of 3 species)

Parasitic Jaeger

(*Stercocorarius parasiticus*) One at Montrose, Chicago COO on 15 Nov (1980.009). One at IBSP LAK on 2 Oct (1982.013). Committee members did not find that the documentation of these birds were sufficient to rule out other species of jaegers. It was accepted by the committee as an unidentified jaeger. Jaeger identification, especially of first year birds, is an evolving science. Many of the criteria used for identification in the past are not currently considered to be reliable. Add to this, the fact that birds are usually distant and observation periods are often very short, and the difficulties are obvious. Review of the IORC archives suggests that some accepted records from the past will need to be re-evaluated using current criteria.

Common Ground-Dove

(*Columbina passerina*) One near Rockford, WIN in Oct (1977.005). Photos of a dove at a feeder were found in a collection of bird photos from near Rockford. IORC was asked to review the photos as a Common Ground-Dove. The committee unanimously agreed that the photo instead represented a juvenile Mourning Dove. Although October is a late date for birds still in scaly juvenile plumage, such plumage at this date is not uncommon in Illinois.

Great Tit

(*Parus major*) Two at a feeder in Harvard McH 23 May (2003.010). Excellent photos were obtained of these birds, and there is no doubt as to their identity. Fiske (2004) discusses this occurrence in detail. Birds were seen at this feeder though at least April 2004, and the birds apparently nested in the area. Fiske (2004) suggests a source from which these birds may have escaped. There are no confirmed natural occurrences in North American, although a sight record exists for Alaska (AOU 1998). Other records at feeders elsewhere in eastern North America have been treated as escapes from captivity. IORC considers this record as most likely to fall within this category as well.

Corrigenda:

The Gyrfalcon (2003.001) at LaSalle Lake in January 2003 was first found and identified by Cindy Alberico, who provided the committee with written documentation. The mention of this record in the ninth IORC report (Stotz and Johnson 2003) failed to credit her. Dennis Oehmke was left off the list of Documentors in the ninth report.

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Shorebird rarities

SCENES FROM CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Photos by Travis A. Mahan

First-year White Ibis
(*Eudocimus albus*), Carlyle Lake, Fayette County. 11 August 2003. Notice the white underbelly and white at bend of wing, two characteristics that help separate it from the Glossy and White-faced Ibises. The underbelly and bend of wings would be dark in the two Plegadis species. This White Ibis represents the 26th record for Illinois and the first since 1998 in the state.

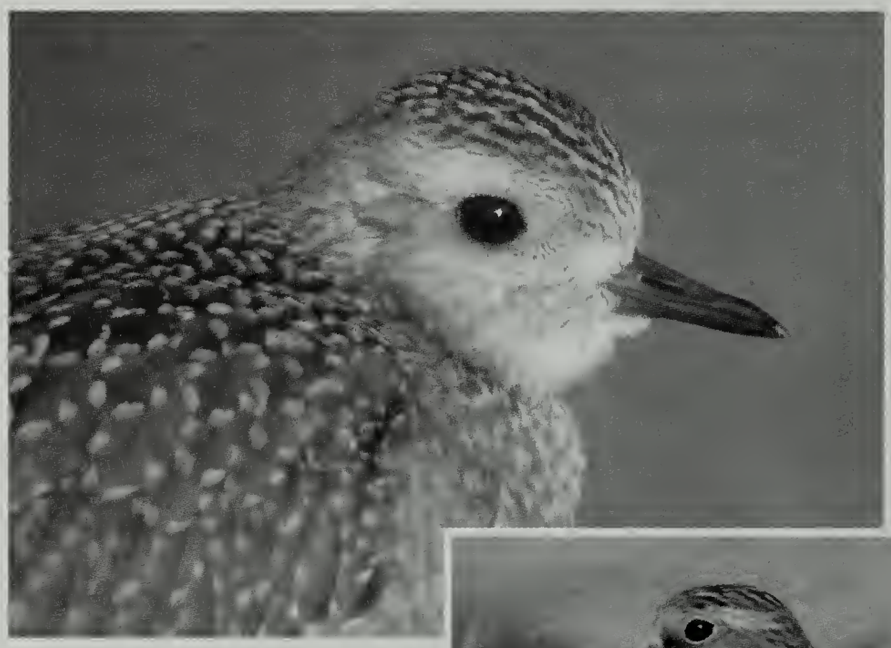
White-faced Ibis
(*Plegadis chihi*).
Carlyle Lake,
Fayette County.
20 September 2003.

Ruff
(*Philomachus pugnax*), Quiver Lake, Mason County. 12 October 2003.

Piping Plover
(*Charadrius melodus*), Carlyle Lake, Fayette County. 24 August 2003.

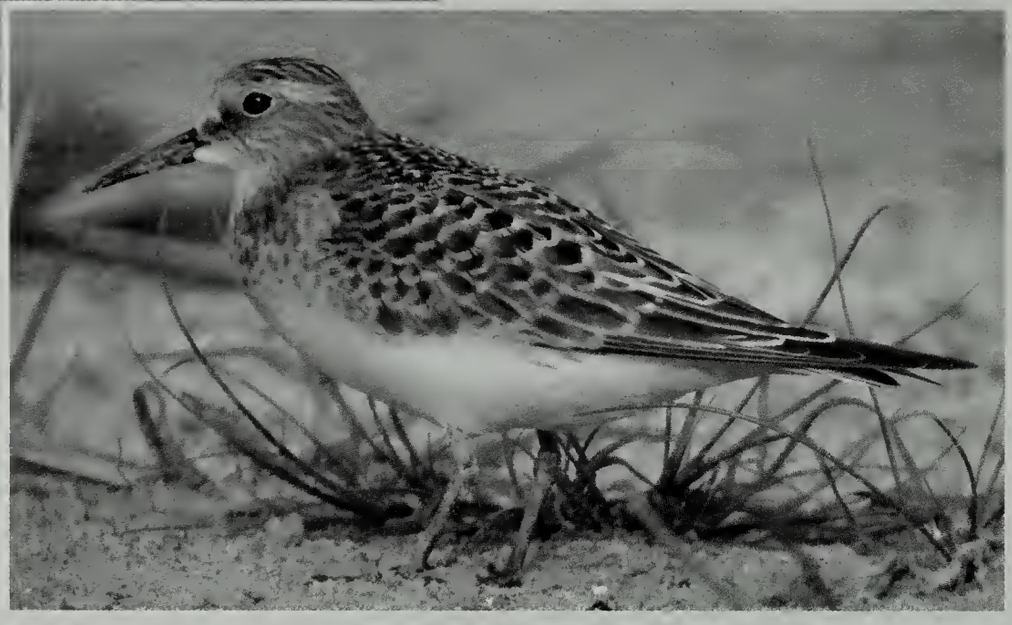
Birds at the Shore

SCENES FROM MONTROSE POINT

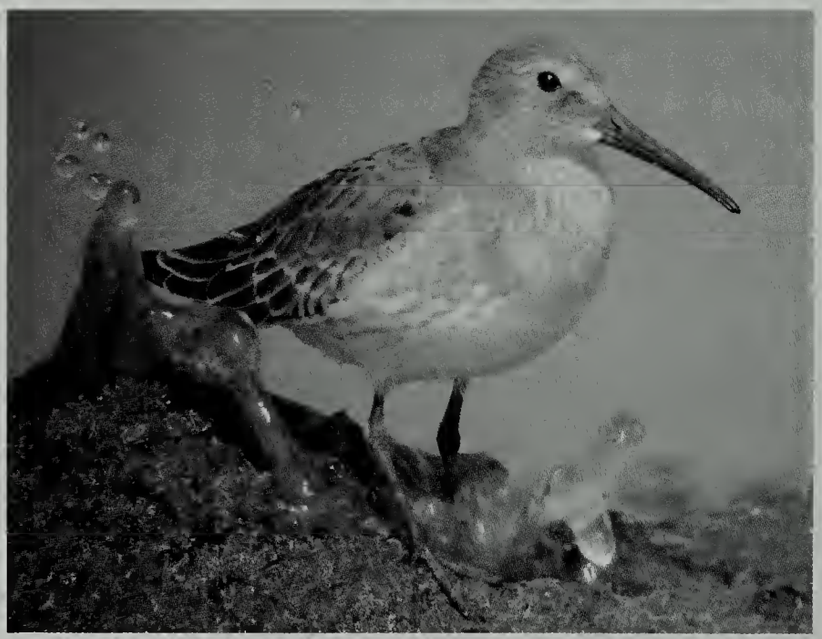


Photos by Robert Hughes

Left,
American Golden-Plover
(*Pluvialis dominica*).
Note the relatively
small head and beady eye
with somewhat
short bill.

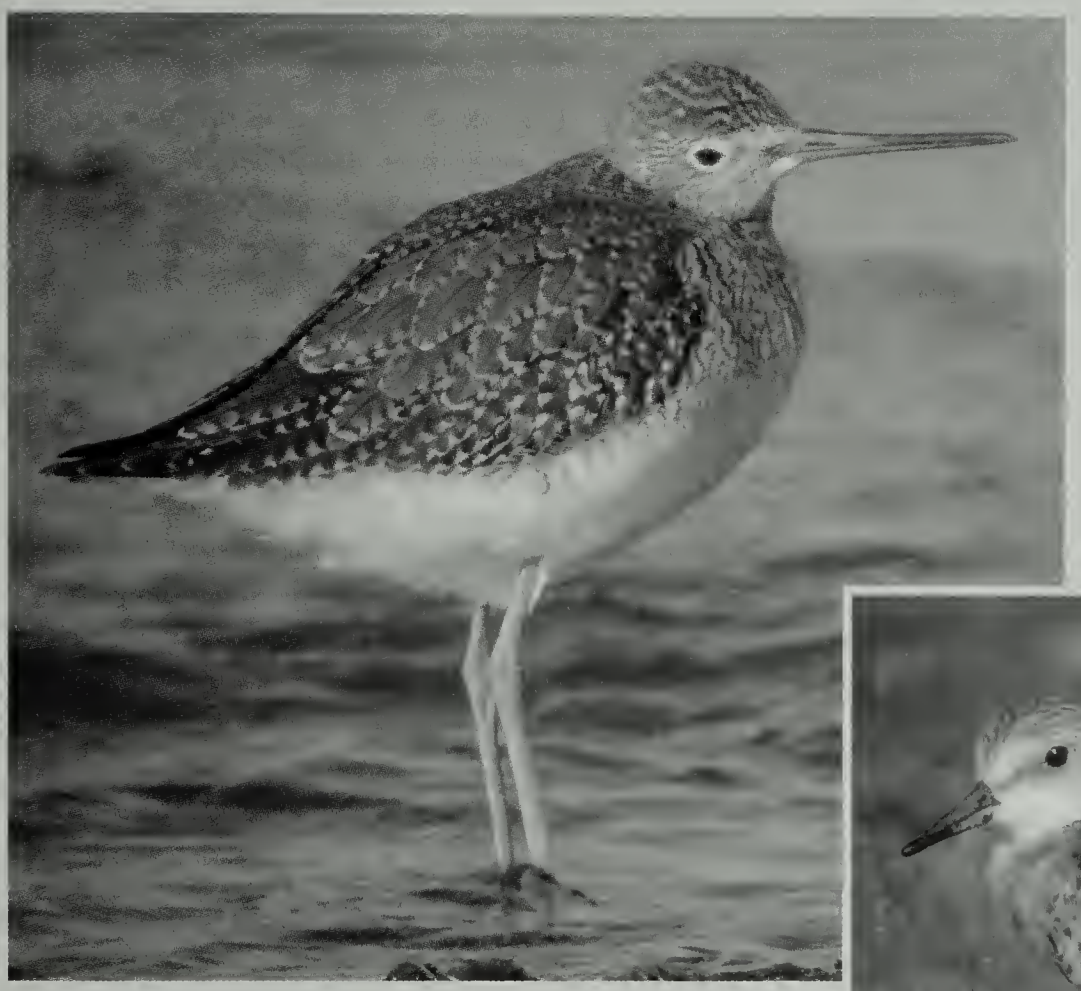


Right,
Baird's Sandpiper
(*Calidris bairdii*).
Note the wings extending
beyond the tail feathers.
Only one other sandpiper
species in Illinois has
that characteristic, the
White-rumped, which
is more common in
spring than fall.



Right,
Dunlin
(*Calidris alpina*).
Note the somewhat
heavy, decurved bill.

All photos taken in fall 2003 at Montrose Point, Cook County.



Left,
Lesser Yellowlegs
(*Tringa flavipes*).

Right,
Semipalmated Sandpiper
(*Calidris pusilla*)

Below,
Short-billed Dowitcher
(*Limnodromus griseus*).

Field Notes

Grace's Warbler drawing by Eric Secker.

Fall 2003 Migration

by Douglas F. Stotz

After 2002, when West Nile dominated the headlines in Illinois, 2003 represented a return to relatively normal conditions. Certainly, Illinois birders commented very little on further changes in avian populations. Because the surveillance of bird deaths by public health officials is focused on West Nile issues with respect to human health, much about the situation in bird populations is not known. We do know that birds (American Crows and Blue Jays among others), mosquitoes and horses tested positive for West Nile over much of Illinois. Seventy counties had at least one positive test in at least one of these groups. This compares with 100 counties with positive tests in 2002. While these data indicate possibly a decline in the affected area in Illinois, more critically they indicate that the disease remains widespread in the state. At the same time, the more than 90% decrease in human and horse cases of West Nile in 2003 compared with 2002, despite increased awareness of the disease, indicates that the incidence of the disease in bird populations must have been much reduced in 2003. These data are adapted from the Illinois Department of Public Health web site on West Nile (http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/-wnv.htm), where readers can go for further and up-to-date information on the disease.

In terms of bird populations that showed declines in 2002, American Crow numbers remained low in many areas in the Chicago region, but seemed to have mostly recovered in other areas of the state where declines had been noted. Black-capped Chickadees showed a similar pattern with some recovery, but continued scarcity in the northern suburbs of Chicago. On the other hand, any declines in Blue Jays in 2002 appeared to have been completely reversed. Other species, such as House Finches, hawks and owls, known to be susceptible to West Nile, and about which birders commented in 2002, seemed to show no noticeable effects in 2003. Birders can contribute much to our understanding by continuing to carefully monitor population levels in these species, and in making sure that dead crows and Blue Jays are tested for West Nile.

Overall, fall of 2003 was fairly colorless. Shorebirds began moving on time near the first of July, but landbird migration was notably poor in August. Migration toward the end of the season was fairly unremarkable as well. There were few rarities, and both landbird and waterbird migrations were below average. Significant high counts and early and late records were few and far between. Nonetheless, there were some outstanding rarities. Most stunning were three new species for Illinois. The summer's **ROSEATE SPOONBILL** continued to be seen in Fayette County into August (see an article about this state record in the last issue of *Meadowlark,* Volume 12, No. 1.) Montrose hosted the other two additions to Illinois' list, a **BLACK-TAILED GULL** on 7 August, and an extraordinary **GRACE'S WARBLER** on 8 September. (See the next issue of *Meadowlark* for a detailed article on this remarkable state record.) Photos and documentation are presented in the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee report in this issue. Although neither bird stayed for even the entire morning, both were well-photographed and seen by a number of observers. The gull was probably the same individual that had been seen in previous months in Wisconsin and Indiana, establishing first state records for those states for this species with a rapidly expanding pattern of vagrancy. The Grace's Warbler, on the other hand, is the first record east of Colorado and western Texas of a species that is seldom found away from its breeding areas in the American Southwest during migration.

Other impressive rarities included the state's second **BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK** that lingered at Chautauqua for six weeks, an immature **WHITE IBIS** at Carlyle Lake, a **SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER** along the Fox River in Kane Co., a **RUFF** at Quiver Lake, multiple **WHITE-WINGED DOVES** in southern Illinois, and a **SAY'S PHOEBE** at Carlyle Lake.

Ducks through Hawks

Waterfowl migration was delayed this fall by mild weather, and significant numbers of ducks remained throughout the state through November. Scoters followed up last year's record showing downstate with another strong showing. Loon migration was strong, with impressive counts of Common Loons scattered across the state; Red-throated Loons were well-reported, but there was only a single Pacific Loon, on Lake

Michigan. It was a poor fall for rare grebes with no Western or Red-necked Grebes, and a weak movement of Eared Grebes. Impressive flocks of American White Pelicans have become the norm, and this year was no exception, with reports of 1000+ birds from at least five sites. A bird that lingered in the Chicago region excited birders there, despite the huge numbers downstate. Among herons, impressive counts of Little Blue Heron and Great Egret at Horseshoe Lake stand out. Dark ibises were represented by one each of Glossy and White-faced. Hawk migration at Illinois Beach was strong. Broad-winged Hawks were particularly well-represented, but every species had peak counts above last year's maxima.

Rails through Woodpeckers

Soras seemed plentiful this fall, but less common rails were under-reported this fall. Our knowledge of the fall migration of this group remains weak. Shorebirds had a fairly typical migration with somewhat below average numbers of scarcer migrants like Red Knot, Western Sandpiper and phalaropes. A total of three jaegers (one Parasitic, one Pomarine and one unidentified) that appeared on the Lake Michigan lakefront were the only ones reported. The Parasitic died after four days on the beach at Montrose and became one of the few specimens for the upper Midwest. In a reversal of last year, Franklin's Gulls made an impressive appearance in the state, especially downstate, while observers found only small numbers of Laughing Gulls. Rarer species of wintering gulls started appearing along the Lake Michigan lakefront at the very end of the period. Tern migration was below average with concentrations poorly reported and smaller than in recent years. Cuckoos continue to be unimpressive in both size of concentrations, as well as sheer numbers of observations. Concentrations of Ruby-throated Humingbirds down state were noted by banders at feeders. In the Chicago region, jewelweed (*Impatiens pallida* and *capensis*) patches attracted good numbers of hummingbirds. Rufous Hummingbirds (and unidentified *Selasphorus,* almost all likely Rufous*)* have become an annual event now at Illinois feeders in the fall and early winter. One photographed at Springfield in July was much earlier than most of these records which tend to be concentrated in the late fall after the bulk of the Ruby-throated population has left the state. Woodpecker numbers were generally good, with a better than average migration of sapsuckers, following on the heels of several poor migrations.

Passerines

All groups of passerines had poor seasons. The lack of significant weather systems produced no fallouts, so high counts were generally unimpressive. Early and late migrations were notably unimpressive, so the extreme dates reported were not notable. As poor as migration was in the Chicago region, it seemed much worse downstate. The poor landbird migration in August may have reduced birding at that time causing the migration of flycatchers to appear even poorer than it was. Swallow concentrations were impressive only at Lake Carlyle and at Chautauqua. No observers reported large concentrations of Purple Martins for the second consecutive year. Other than one impressive night-time flight of Swainson's Thrush (with fewer numbers of Grey-cheeked and Veery), Swainson's and Hermit Thrushes had solid, if unspectacular migrations, but the other spotted thrushes were poorly reported—Veery especially so (although a 16 October bird at Lincoln Park was very late). Warbler counts and diversity were generally weak. Peaks for most species came from late September, as is typical, but peak counts were generally average to below average. Sparrow numbers were even less impressive than warblers, and the Chicago lakefront had no fallouts of birds all season.

Irruptive species

After last year's near total failure of irruptives, Illinois observers looked forward to a better season. Rough-legged Hawks were reported in somewhat above-average numbers, but Northern Goshawks showed no signs of an irruption. Northern Shrikes were well-reported from northern Illinois, especially early in the season. Red-breasted Nuthatches appeared widely through the state, but impressive counts came only from Morton Arboretum. Winter finches made a better showing than fall 2002, but dreams of a good season were not realized. There were no crossbills at all and few redpolls. Purple Finch numbers recovered from last year's dreary season, and Pine Siskins invaded, but not in stunning numbers. Finally, Evening Grosbeaks were again unreported for the fourth straight fall. Irruptions of this species into Illinois seem to be a thing of the past, part of a general decline of its irruptions in the eastern United States.

Our sincere thanks to the following observers, who supplied all the data included in this summary. These observers are credited by their initials following each record; disambiguating citation forms are indicated where needed. As in previous reports, the sequencing of observers below is based on alphabetization of last and first initials or citation forms rather than on alphabetization of last names: Alan Anderson, Cindy Alberico, Douglas Anderson, Jill Anderson, Louise Augustine, Mike Ahern, Arlene Brei, Denis Bohm, Frank Bennett, Dave Bohlen, Leslie Born, Robert Bradley, Steven D. Bailey, Vic Berardi, Richard and Sigurd Bjorklund (R&SBj), Richard Biss (RBs), Chicago Ornithological Society (C0S), Clara Coen, David Currie, Elizabeth Chato, Jeff Chapman, Karin Cassel, Melinda Born Chapman, Paul Clyne, Scott Carpenter, Scott Cohrs (SCs), Don Darnell, Donald R. Dann, Glyn & Sylvia Dawson, Jon Duerr, Myrna Deaton, Roger Digges, Sheryl DeVore, Joe Eades, Robert Erickson, Robert & Karen Fisher, Sue Friscia, Steve Freed (SFd), Chet Gresham, Urs Geiser, Brian Herriot, Caroline Herzenberg, Frank Holmes, Jed Hertz, Kanae Hirabayashi, Leroy Harrison, L. Barrie Hunt, Larry L. Hood, Ralph Herbst, Robert D. Hughes, Illinois Ornithological Society (field trips) (IOS), Doris Johanssen, Rhetta Jack, Dan Kassebaum, Tim Kuessel, Craig Litteken, Greg Lambeth, Joe Lill, John Leonard (JLd), Charlene Malone, Carolyn A. Marsh, D. James Mountjoy, Keith McMullen, Luis Munoz, Robert and Anita Morgan (R&AM), Travis Mahan, Walter Marcisz, Chris McDonald (CMd), Cindy and John McKee (C&JMc), Helen Parker, Judy Pollock, John H. Purcell, Sharon Parmet, Paul Quintas, Bill Reddinger, Kevin Richmond, Michael Rowe, William Rowe, Al Seppi, Alan F. Stokie, Andy Sigler (AnS), Bob Shelby, Douglas F. Stotz, Darrell J. Shambaugh, Eric Secker, Jeff Sundberg, Joseph L. Suchecki, Leonard Stanley, Mark Seiffert, Thomas S. Schulenberg, Wes Serafin, Jim Solum (Jsm), Paul Sweet, Craig Taylor, Craig A. Thayer, Rita Torrado, Peter Weber, Dan Williams, Geoff Williamson, Ken Wysocki, and Jim Ziebol.

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK
16 Aug, Carl.F (LH, BS); 21 Aug - 8 Oct, Chau (R&SBj, m.ob., LA:ph, HDB:ph)—**second and third state records.**

Greater White-fronted Goose
EA: 13 Oct (3), Chau (LA, KM, DK); 19 Oct (11), L Renwick (Will Co) (CA). **MC**: 126, Chau, 21 Nov (R&SBj); 15, Carl.C (KM, DK, FB, TM).

Snow Goose
EA: 28 Sep, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 13 Oct, Chau (KM, DK, LA); 19 Oct, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DW); 22 Oct (2), Hennepin L (DFS); 31 Oct, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 3000, Carl.C, 16 Nov (DK); 10 (4 blue morph), Chau, 21 Nov (R&SBj); 7, Durand (Winnebago Co), 9 Nov (DW).

Ross's Goose
EA: 12 Oct (2), Fermi (ES); 13 Oct (2), Chau (LA, KM, DK); 19 Nov, Hennepin L (DFS). **MC**: 4, Carl.C, 2 Nov (DK). **Other**: 30 Nov, L Storey (Knox Co) (DJM).

Canada Goose
MC: 7000, Chau, 13 Oct (KM, DK, LA). "**Richardson's Goose**": **EA**: 3 Oct (12), Blackwell FP (Du Page Co) (ES). **MC**: **1500**, Hennepin L, 22 Oct (DFS)—**record Illinois high count**, with previous maxima not exceeding 500 birds in the fragmentary records for this form published in the Illinois journals.

Mute Swan
EA: 7 Sep, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 19, Wolf L, LCal, 28 Nov (WS).

As a printing aid, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	= Earliest Arrival(s)	m.ob.	= many observers	Co(s)	= County (Counties)
MC	= Maximum Count(s)	:ph.	= photographed	FP	= Forest Preserve
LD	= Latest Departures(s)	ad.	= adult	L	= Lake
*	= documented record	imm.	= immature	P	= Park
IORC	= Illinois Ornithological Records Committee	juv.	= juvenile(s)	SP	= State Park

Carl.C/F	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co/Fayette Co)	JP	= Jackson Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Carl.L	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton, Fayette, and/or Bond Co)	Kankakee	= Kankakee and vicinity (Kankakee Co)
Chau	= Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)	Kickapoo SP	= Kickapoo State Park (Vermilion Co)
Chi	= Chicago (Cook Co); see also Grant P, JP, Linc.P, Montrose H	LCal	= Lake Calumet and vicinity (southern Cook Co)
Clear L	= Clear Lake (Mason Co)	Linc.P	= Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Clin.L	= Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)	McGinnis Sl.	= McGinnis Slough, Palos area (southwestern Cook Co)
Crab Or.	= Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)	Montrose H	= Montrose Harbor, Chicago (Cook Co)
EStL	= East St. Louis (St. Clair Co)	O'Fallon	= O'Fallon (St. Clair Co)
Evanston	= Evanston (Cook Co)	Rend L	= Rend Lake (Franklin Jefferson Cos)
Fermi	= Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co)	Rock Cut	= Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
GrtLakes	= Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)	Rkfd	= Rockford (Winnebago Co)
Grant P	= Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)	Salt Crk	= Salt Creek Woods Nature Preserve (Cook Co)
Hennepin L	= Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)	Sand Rdg	= Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
HL	= Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)	(L)Spfld	= (Lake) Springfield (Sangamon Co)
		Thatcher Wds	= Thatcher Woods (Cook Co)
		Urbana	= Urbana (Champaign Co)
		Wauk.	= Waukegan (Lake Co)

Transparent directionals (n. = north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.) are used where applicable.

Headings for species requiring IORC review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are **CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED**. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are **underlined and boldfaced**, and some further editorial remarks are **boldfaced**.

The 1996 DeLorme *Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer* has been used as a standard for spelling of most place names. Remarks on the historical significance of records were provided by Paul Clyne and are informed almost entirely by Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* and the seasonal summaries in the subsequently published Illinois journals.

Tundra Swan
EA: 6 Nov, ne. Illinois (m.ob.). **MC**: **183**, IBSP, 13 Nov (VB); 72, McGinnis Sl., 6 Nov (WS); 47, Chau, 29 Nov (R&SBj); 7, Hennepin L, 19 Nov-3 Dec (C&JMc, DFS, GW, m.ob.).

Swan sp. (Tundra/Trumpeter)
EA: 21 Oct (2), JP (KC).

Wood Duck
EA: 28 Aug (10), JP (PC). **MC**: **517**, Chau, 9 Oct (R&SBj); 300+, McGinnis Sl., 18 Sep (WS), 150, Carl.F, 23 Aug (DK); 110, HL, 4 Nov (FH); 64, JP, 1 Oct (KC). **LD**: 25 Nov, Kankakee (JH); 22 Oct, JP (SC).

Gadwall
EA: 6 Sep (50), Chau (KM); 20 Sep, Carl.C (DK, IOS). **MC**: 4700, Hennepin L, 19 Nov (DFS); 3200, HL, 2 Nov (KM); 2478, Chau, 21 Nov (R&SBj).

American Wigeon
EA: 30 Aug, Carl.F (DK, MD, TM). **MC**: **2000**, Hennepin L, 19 Nov (DFS).

American Black Duck
EA: 6 Sep, Chau (KM); 29 Sep, Deadstick Pond, LCal (WM); 22 Oct, Hennepin L (DFS). **MC**: 801, Chau, 15 Nov (R&SBj); 13, Hennepin L, 19 Nov (DFS); 5, Rkfd, 16 Nov (DW).

Mallard
EA: 1 Sep (16), JP (PC). **MC**: 62,924 Chau, 15 Nov (R&SBj); 60,000, Carl.C, 29 Nov (DK).

Blue-winged Teal
EA: 31 Jul, Mermet L (Massac Co) (KM). **MC**: 3000, Chau, 6 Sep (KM); 1970, Clear L, 29 Aug (R&SBj); 1000, Hennepin L, 30 Aug (KM). **LD**: 28 Nov, Carl.C (DK, WR, MR).

Northern Shoveler
EA: 9 Aug, Chau (KM, DK, TM); 23 Aug (10), Carl.F (DK). **MC**: **3800**, Clear L, 30 Oct (R&SBj); **3239**, Chau, 21 Nov (R&SBj); 1450, Hennepin L, 22 Oct (DFS). **LD**: 1 Dec, JP (PC); 30 Nov, Monmouth (Warren Co) (DJM).

Northern Pintail
EA: 20 Jul, Carl.F (KM); 17 Sep, Rock Cut (DW). **MC**: **7900**, Hennepin L, 23 Sep (DFS); **7575**, Chau, 15 Nov (R&SBj).

Green-winged Teal
EA: 9 Aug, Chau (DK, KM, TM); 16 Aug (3), Rkfd (DW); 20 Aug, Linc.P (GW); 23 Aug (10), Carl.L (DK). **MC**: **9823**, Chau, 15 Nov (R&SBj); 1000, HL, 31 Oct (KM); 975, Hennepin L, 19 Nov (DFS); 750, McGinnis Sl., 3 Oct (WS); 200, Carl.C, 26 Oct (DK).

Canvasback
EA: 19 Oct, Chau (KM); 22 Oct (18), Hennepin L (DFS). **MC**: 400, Carl.C, 27 Nov (DK); 270, Hennepin L, 19 Nov (DFS).

Redhead
EA: **14 Aug**, Carl.C (KM)—record early arrival if true migrant. **MC**: 57, Hennepin L, 19 Nov (DFS); 40, IBSP, 9 Nov (JS); 30, Saganashkee Slough, Palos, 1 Nov (AA, SP).

Ring-necked Duck
EA: 20 Aug (migrant?), HL (FH); 11 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 19 Oct (4), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DK). **MC**: **1570**, Hennepin L, 19 Nov (DFS); 1200, Chau, 3 Nov (KM).

Greater Scaup
EA: 1 Nov, Evanston (WS); 7 Nov, HL (FH). **MC**: **8300**, Lake Co, 15 Nov (KM, CT, TK)—**record Illinois high count**.

Lesser Scaup
EA: 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 1000, Chau, 3 Nov (KM); 90, Hennepin L, 19 Nov (DFS); 80, Carl.C, 9 Nov (DK, TM).

Scaup, sp?
MC: 2500, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co), 1 Nov (COS); 1000+, JP, 23 Nov (G&SD).

Surf Scoter
EA: **30 Sep**, LSpfld (HDB). **MC**: 8, L Decatur (Macon Co), 21 Oct (MD); 8, Waukegan (Lake Co), 28 Oct (JS); 4, GrtLakes, 18 Oct (RDH); 3, Clin.L, 18 Oct (TM); 2, Carl.C, 27 Oct (LH, BS); 2, Carl.C, 8 Nov (DK). **Others**: 31 Oct - 17 Nov (2), Montrose H (JHP, RDH, JL et al.); 10 Nov, Kankakee (JH); 28 Nov, IBSP (UG); 13-23 Nov, L Storey (Knox Co) (DJM).

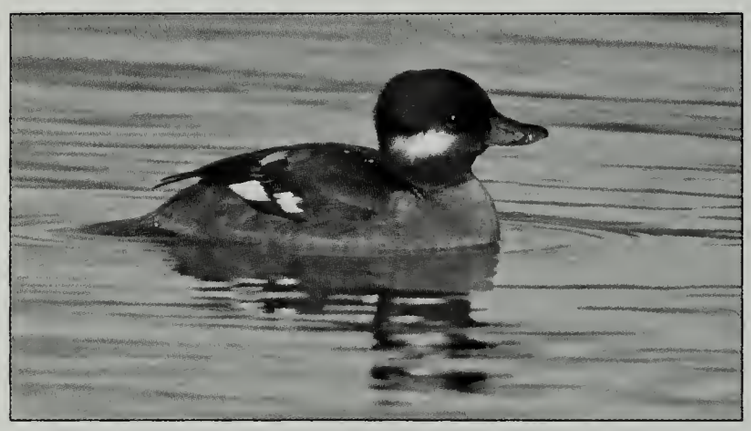
White-winged Scoter
MC: 7, L&D 14 (Rock Island Co), 23 Nov (SFd); 7, Evanston, 1 Nov (COS); 4, IBSP, 17 Nov (KM, JS); 2, Carl.C, 1 Nov (DK, FB, TM, KM); 2, O'Fallon sewage treatment plant, 1 Nov (CA, TB). **Others**: 15 Nov, Carl.C (WR); 17-25 Nov, Chicago lakefront (JHP, JL et al.); 15-22 Nov, Shabbona L (De Kalb Co) (DJS, m.ob.).

Black Scoter
EA: 4 Nov, JP (SC); 8 Nov (2), Clin.L (TM, MD). **MC**: 30, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 25 Oct (RDH); 9, Carl.C, 9 Nov (TM, DK); 4, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co), 8 Nov (TM); 3, Montrose H, 28 Nov (GW); 2, Rainbow Beach, Chi, 28 Nov (DFS). **Other**: 28 Nov, IBSP (UG).

Female Northern Shoveler.
Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook County.
14 November 2003.
Photo by Eric Walters.

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 1 Nov, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (RDH); 11 Nov, O'Fallon sewage treatment plant (DK). **MC**: 9, Evanston, 1 Nov (WS, COS); 2, O'Fallon sewage treatment plant, 15 Nov (WR).



Female Bufflehead. Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook County. 18 November 2003. Photo by Eric Walters.

Bufflehead

EA: 22 Oct, Busse Forest Nature Preserve (Cook Co) (AA); 1 Nov, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (RDH); 4 Nov (5), L Decatur (Macon Co) (TM); 5 Nov (10), JP (SC); 5 Nov, HL (FH); 8 Nov (10), Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 115, Hennepin L, 19 Nov (DFS); 105, Lake Co, 15 Nov (KM, CT, TK); 30, Carl.C, 27 Nov (DK).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 1 Nov, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (RDH); 5 Nov, JP (SC); 5 Nov, Kankakee (JH); 9 Nov (10), Carl.C (DK, TM); 19 Nov (2), Hennepin L (DFS). **MC**: 440, Lake Co, 15 Nov (KM, CT, TK); 20, Carl.C, 27 Nov (DK).

Hooded Merganser

EA: 8 Aug, Montrose H (DD); 9 Aug, GrtLakes (WM); 1 Nov, Carl.C (DK, FB, TM, KM). **MC**: 360, Chau, 29 Nov (R&SBj); 75, Carl.C, 9 Nov (DK, TM); 73, Saganashkee Slough, Palos, 25 Nov (WS); 20, Rock Cut, 16 Nov (DW).

Common Merganser

EA: 16 Nov (11), LSpfld (RJ); 25 Nov, Saganashkee Slough, Palos (WS); 28 Nov, Waukegan (Lake Co) (UG).

Red-breasted Merganser

EA: **18 Aug** (summered locally?), Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 11 Oct, JP (KC). **MC**: 200, Carl.C, 27 Nov (DK). **Other**: **11 Aug** (injured female), Carl.C (DK).

Ruddy Duck

EA: 15 Aug, HL (FH); 4 Oct, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 1542, Chau, 15 Nov (R&SBj); 940, Hennepin L, 19 Nov (DFS); 500, Carl.C, 16 Nov (DK).

Gray Partridge

No reports.

Red-throated Loon. Evanston, Cook County. 27 November 2003. Photo by Eric Walters.

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 13, Shabbona L (De Kalb Co), 22 Nov (C&JMc); 7, Kankakee, 2 Aug (JH); 2, Carl.F, 25 Oct (DK).

Wild Turkey

MC: 30, Poplar Grove (Boone Co), 21 Nov (AB); 25, Carl.C, 27 Nov (DK); 17, HL, 30 Nov (FH); 14, Rock Cut, 16 Nov (DW).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 20, Franklin Co, 25 Oct (LS); 18, Union Co, 31 Aug (C&JMc); 16, Carl.C, 6 Sep (DK); 11, HL, 27 Oct (KM). **Other:** 28 Nov - 2 Dec (escape?), Prairie Crossing (Lake Co) (fide AA).

Red-throated Loon

EA: 8 Nov, Clin.L (TM, MD); 9 Nov, Carl.C (TM, DK). **MC**: 9, 1BSP, 15 Nov (DW, AFS, m.ob.)—**record Illinois high count** (previously 5, same site, 23 Nov 1996); 3, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 15 Nov (RDH); 2, Evanston, 1 Nov (WS, COS). **LD**: 29 Nov, IBSP (KM, AFS, m.ob.).

Pacific Loon

28 Nov, 1BSP (AFS).

Common Loon

EA: 1 Oct, Montrose H (LM); 5 Oct, Linc.P (GW); 27 Oct, HL (KM, FH); 1 Nov, Carl.C (DK, FB, TM, KM). **MC**: 102, L Charleston (Coles Co), 6 Nov (RB); 100, Clin.L, 12 Nov (MD); 91, Rend L, 15 Nov (LS); 57, Montrose H, 4 Nov (KH, RDH); 39, LSpfld, 9 Nov (KM); 30, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co), 1 Nov (RDH); 20, Carl.C, 15-16 Nov (DK); 16, HL, 6 Nov (FH); 15, Clin.L, 14 Nov (KM); 7, JP, 5 Nov (SC). **LD**: into Dec.

Common Loon. Montrose Harbor, Cook County. 15 November 2003. Photo by Eric Walters.

Pied-billed Grebe
EA: 29 Aug, JP (KC). **MC**: 296, Hennepin L, 22 Oct (DFS); 167, McGinnis Sl., early Sep (WS); 50, LSpfld, 16 Nov (RJ); 37, Crab Or., 28 Oct (KM).

Horned Grebe
EA: 6 Oct, Clin.L (TM); 28 Oct (3), Crab Or. (KM); 1 Nov, Carl.C (DK, FB, TM, KM). **MC**: 75, Carl.C, 15 Nov (DK); 48, LSpfld, 16 Nov (RJ); 15-20, Lake Forest (Lake Co) (RDH); 15, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co), 15 Nov (KM, CT, TK, RDH). **LD**: 28 Nov, JP (SC).

Eared Grebe
EA: 23 Sept (3), Hennepin L (DFS); 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 3, see previous; 2, O'Fallon sewage treatment plant, 9-16 Nov (DK, KM, m.ob.). **LD**: 23 Nov, O'Fallon sewage treatment plant (DK).

American White Pelican
MC: **5000**, HL, 7 Oct (JZ); 3000, Carl.F, 26 Sep (DK); 2225, Putnam/Bureau Cos, 23 Sep (DFS); 1870, Chau, 31 Jul (R&SBj); 1694, Clear L, 16 Oct (R&SBj). **LD**: 31 Oct - 20 Nov, L Glenview (Cook Co) (JP, JLd, m.ob.); 19 Nov (40), Hennepin L (DFS).

Double-crested Cormorant
EA: 9 Aug, Kankakee (JH); 24 Aug (10), JP (KC). **MC**: 5500, Carl.L, 31 Oct (KM, CL); 4000, Carl.C, 21 Sep (DK); 1500, Chau, 22 Sep (SB); 419, Montrose H, 29 Sep (GW); 350+, McGinnis Sl., 18 Sep (WS). **LD**: into Dec.

American Bittern
EA: 2 Sep, Middle Fork Savanna FP (Lake Co) (SB); 6 Sep, Chau (KM). **MC**: 2, Montrose H, 20 Sep (GW). **LD**: 23 Nov (present since 7 Oct), Hennepin L, (C&JMc); 20 Oct, Chau (KM); 12 Oct, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co) (JLS); 29 Sep, Montrose H (RDH).

Least Bittern
EA: 8 Sep, L Shelbyville (Shelby/Moultrie Cos) (RD). **LD**: 9 Oct, L Glenview (Cook Co) (JLd).

Great Blue Heron
EA: 4 Jul (7), JP (KC). **MC**: 200+, McGinnis Sl., 18 Sep (WS); 150, Carl.C, 21 Sep (DK).

Great Egret
EA: 2 Jul, JP (KC). **MC**: **3500**, HL, 26 Jul (KM); 700, Carl.F, 23 Aug (DK); 548, Chau, 21 Aug (R&SBj); 500, Putnam Co, 30 Aug (KM); 300+, McGinnis Sl., 18 Sep (WS); 33, L Charleston (Coles Co), 3 & 15 Sep (LBH). **LD**: 14 Nov, HL (FH); 5 Nov (2), Channahon (Will Co) (CA); 26 Oct, (6), Lakemoor (Lake Co) (SB); 22 Oct (6), Busse Forest Nature Preserve (Cook Co) (AA); 25 Oct, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (UG).

Snowy Egret
EA: 19 Jul, Fermi (ES); 27 Jul, Yorkville (Kendall Co) (DJS). **MC**: 100+, Monroe Co levee (JZ); 50, HL, 31 Jul (KM); 15, Chau, 4 & 25 Sep (R&SBj), 10, Carl.F, 4-24 Aug (DK); 3, LCal, 23 Aug (RDH). **LD**: 11 Oct, Quiver L (Mason Co) (TM); 11 Oct, Jersey Co (WR); 9 Oct, HL (FH); 6 Oct, Big Marsh, LCal (CF). **Other**: 7-11 Aug, Rkfd (DW).

Little Blue Heron
MC: **1200** (including young), HL, 26 Jul (KM)—**record Illinois high count** by 500 individuals; 30, Carl.C, 23 Aug (DK); 25, Chau, 28 Aug (SB). **LD**: 4 Oct, Carl.C (DK); 23 Sep (3 imm.), Hennepin L (DFS); 23 Sep, Deadstick Pond, LCal (WM); 22 Sep, Clin.L (RD).

Cattle Egret
MC: 25, St. Clair Co, 8 Aug (KM); 7, Chau, 4 Sep (R&SBj). **LD**: 20 Oct, Urbana (GL); 18 Oct, Carl.F (DK); 5 Oct, HL (FH).

Green Heron
MC: 12, Pratts Wayne Woods FP (Du Page Co), 13 Sep (UG); 8, Carl.F, 14 Aug (KM); 4, Chau, 14 Aug (R&SBj). **LD**: 23 Oct (2), Deadstick Pond, LCal (WM); 21 Oct, Linc.P (JHP); 4 Oct (2), LCal (DFS); 4 Oct, Pratts Wayne Woods FP (Du Page Co) (UG).

Black-crowned Night-Heron
MC: 80, HL, 20 Jul (KM); 43, Chau, 23 Sep (R&SBj). **LD**: 5 Dec (2), HL (KM); 16 Oct, JP (DC).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
MC: 2, Sauget (St. Clair Co), 31 Jul (KM, DK, TM). **LD**: 20 Aug - 3 Sep, Linc.P (GW et al.).

White Ibis
10-11 Aug (juv.), Carl.F (DK, TM:ph, m.ob.).

[Glossy Ibis
18-21 Sep, Franklin Co.]

White-faced Ibis
20-21 Sep, Carl.F (KM, DK, TM:ph, IOS)—only the fourth fall record for Illinois.

American White Pelican. Glenview, Cook County. 7 November 2003. Photo by Eric Walters.

ROSEATE SPOONBILL

22 Jun - 8 Jul (juv.), Vandalia (Fayette Co) (TM:ph, m.ob.); 14 Jul - 16 Aug (juv.), Carl.F (TS, DK:ph, m.ob.). **First accepted state record**. Based on photographic evidence the two records are assumed to involve a single individual.

Dark-phased Red-tailed Hawk. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 30 November 2003. Photo by Eric Walters.

Black Vulture

No specific reports.

Turkey Vulture

EA: 3 Sep, IBSP (VB); 6 Sep (12), Spfld (RJ). **MC**: 51, L Decatur (Macon Co) (TM); 49, IBSP, 18 Oct (VB); 44, ne. Coles Co, 8 Sep (RD); 33, Spfld, 9 Nov (KM); 28, Peoria (Peoria Co), 12 Oct (AA); 19, Rock Cut, 22 Sep (DW); 15, McDonough/ Fulton Cos, 13 Oct (LLH); 10, Carl.C, 16 Nov (DK). **LD**: 30 Nov (3), LSpfld (RJ); 12 Nov, IBSP (VB).

Osprey

EA: **18 Jul**, Hennepin L (DFS); 7 Aug, Rkfd (DW). **MC**: **51**, IBSP, 24 Sep (VB)—second highest Illinois count; 6, Carl.C, 20-27 Sep (DK, m.ob.); 4, Rock Cut, 22 Sep (DW). **LD**: 16 Nov, Clin.L (TM); 13 Nov, IBSP (VB); 9 Nov, HL (FH); 9 Nov, Carl.C (DK); 8 Nov, Kankakee (JH); 3 Nov, JP (SC).

Mississippi Kite

LD: 4 Sep, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (FB).

Bald Eagle

EA: 4 Aug, Carl.C (DK); 8 Aug, L Charleston (Coles Co) (LBH); 1 Sep, Rkfd (DW). **MC**: 24 (6 ad.), Chau, 29 Nov (R&SBj); 6 (4 ad.), Hennepin L, 22 Oct (DFS).

Northern Harrier

EA: 10 Aug, Carl.F (DK); 8 Sep, L Shelbyville (Shelby/ Moultrie Cos) (RD); 23 Sep, Kankakee (JH); 12 Oct, HL (FH). **MC**: 34, IBSP, 13 Nov (VB); 10, Carl.C, 9 Nov (DK, TM); 7, Reilly (Vermilion Co), 21 Nov (SB,SD); 6, Hennepin L, 22 Oct (DFS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

EA: 28 Aug, Kankakee (JH); 4 Sep, St. Clair Co (KM); 21 Sep, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 244, IBSP, 15 Oct (VB); 4, Putnam Co, 25 Oct (DFS).

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 16, IBSP, 15 Oct (VB); 5, HL, 28 Sep (JZ); 3 (1 ad, 2 imm.), Salt Crk, 3 Sep (DFS); 3, Kankakee, 24-25 Sep & 2 Oct (JH).

Northern Goshawk

EA: **21 Sep**, Carl.C (DK)—record early for southern Illinois; 26 Sep, Du Page Co (ES); 30 Sep, IBSP (VB). **MC**: 3, IBSP, 15 Oct (VB). **Others:** 27 Oct, Forest Park (Cook Co) (R&AM); 8 Nov (imm.), JP (G&SD).

Red-shouldered Hawk

EA: 12 Oct, IBSP (VB). **MC**: **38**, IBSP, 13 Nov (VB)—**record Illinois high count**; 6, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 7 Nov (JS, CG, MA); 4, Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co), 29 Oet (ES); 2, Carl.C, 27 Sep, 18 Oct (DK). **LD**: 26 Nov, West Chicago (Du Page Co) (ES); 24 Nov, IBSP (VB).

Broad-winged Hawk

EA: 30 Aug, Kankakee (JH); 30 Aug, IBSP (VB). **MC**: **3193**, IBSP, 24 Sep (VB); 413, Rock Cut, 22 Sep (DW); 410, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 23 Sep (JC); 75, Carl.C, 27 Sep (DK, m.ob.). **LD**: 27 Oct, Beck L FP (Cook Co) (AA); 27 Oct, Lodge Park (Piatt Co) (RJ); 21 Oct, IBSP (VB); 10 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 1 Oct (4), Carl.C (DK).

Swainson's Hawk

MC: 4, Kane Co, 7 Sep (R&AM).

Red-tailed Hawk

EA: 21 Aug (imm.), JP (SC). **MC**: **326**, IBSP, 13 Nov (VB); 141, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 7 Nov (JS, CG, MA); 20, Carl.C, 8-9 Nov (DK, TM); 11, Chau, 15 & 21 Nov (R&SBj).

Rough-legged Hawk

EA: 27 Sep, Chau (RJ); 15 Oct, IBSP (VB); 29 Oct, Goose L Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co) (JC); 3 Nov, Macon Co (TM); 8 Nov, Kankakee (JH); 9 Nov, Rkfd (DW). **MC**: 15, IBSP, 7 Nov (VB); 4, Hennepin L, 23 Nov (C&JMc); 3, Carl.C, 8 Nov (DK); 3, Forest Park (Cook Co) (R&AM); 3 (2 dark morph), Fermi, 24 Nov (JC).

American Kestrel. 12 October 2003. Photo by Eric Walters.

Golden Eagle

EA: 8-30 Oct, Chau (ES, R&SBj, m.ob.); 18 Oct, IBSP (VB). **LD**: 30 Nov, Fermi (ES); 6 Nov, IBSP (VB). Singles only reported.

American Kestrel

EA: 3 Sep, IBSP (VB). **MC**: 18, Kendall Co, 1 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 13 Nov, IBSP (VB).

Merlin

EA: 31 Aug, IBSP (VB); 3 Sep, Kankakee (JH); 4 Sep, Chau (R&SBj); 16 Sep (2), Montrose H (GW). **MC**: **132**, IBSP, 12 Oct (VB)—**record Illinois high count**. **LD**: 20 Nov, IBSP (VB).

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 9 Aug, Chau (DK, KM, TM); 27 Aug, Spfld (RJ); 31 Aug, UCCA (C&JMc). **MC**: **36**, IBSP, 24 Sep (VB). **LD**: 3 Nov, De Kalb (De Kalb Co) (BRd).

Yellow Rail

15 Sep, Lake Forest (Lake Co) (DB).

Virginia Rail

MC: 3, Pratts Wayne Woods FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 3, Chau, 20 Oct (KM). **LD**: 3 Nov (2), Chau (KM); 12 Oct, Fermi (ES); 5 Oct, Linc.P (TM).

Sora

EA: 9 Aug (4), Chau (KM, DK, TM); 16 Aug, Linc.P (JHP). **MC**: 25, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 29 Aug (TM, MD); 25, Chau, 6 Sep (KM) & 11 Oct (GW); 15, Carl.C, 12 Oct (DK); 11, Middle Fork Savanna FP (Lake Co), 2 Sept (SB). **LD**: 22 Oct, Hennepin L (DFS); 19 Oct, HL (FH); 19 Oct, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 4 Oct, Eggers Woods FP, LCal (DFS).

Common Moorhen

MC: 6, HL, 6 Aug (KM); 2, LCal, 10 Aug (DRD). **LD**: 8 Oct, LCal (DFS).

American Coot

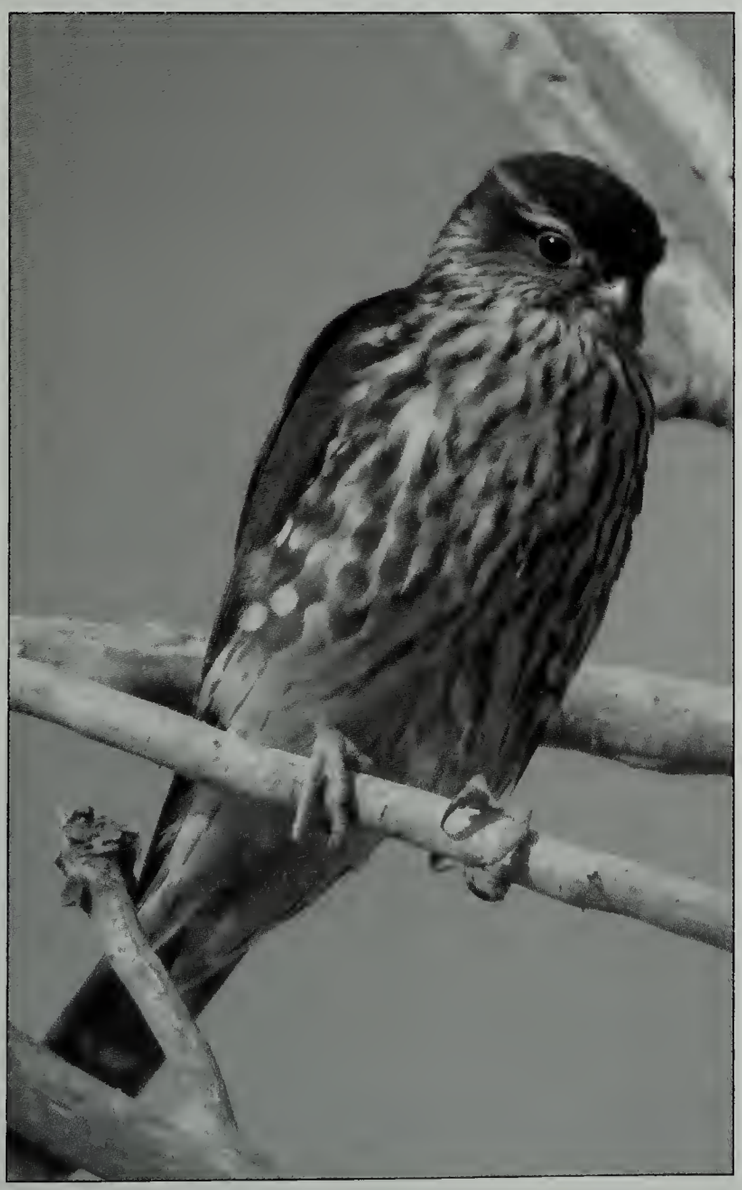
EA: 24 Aug, Channahon (Will Co) (UG); 9 Sep, JP (DC). **MC**: **32,550**, Hennepin L, 9 Nov (C&JMc)—**record Illinois high count** excluding aerial surveys; 3421, Chau, 23 Oct (R&SBj); 2000, HL, 17 Oct (KM); 1500, McGinnis Sl., 3 Oct (WS); 500, Carl.C, 15 Nov (DK).

Sandhill Crane

EA: 18 Sep (5), McGinnis Sl. (WS); 25 Sep (4), Wheaton (Du Page Co) (ES); 8 Nov (2), Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 3100, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 7 Nov (RBs); 195, JP, 30 Nov (PC, SC). **LD**: into Dec.

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 13 Aug, Rkfd (DW); 14 Aug, Carl.F (KM). **MC**: 9, Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason/Cass Cos), 11 Oct (TM); 5, Dunham Road (McHenry Co), 23 Aug (SB, SD); 3, Chau, 28 Aug (SB). **LD**: 1 Nov, Carl.C (DK, FB, KM, TM); 16 Oct, Grant P (DFS).



American Golden-Plover

EA: 9 Aug, Chau (TM et al.); 11 Aug, Rkfd (DW); 2 Aug (4), Carl.F (DK). **MC**: 15, Dunham Road (McHenry Co), 23 Aug (R&AM); 10, Rend L (Jefferson Co), 28 Aug (KM). **LD**: **27 Nov**, GrtLakes (AFS)—ties for record late date; 26 Oct, Carl.F (DK); 25 Oct (7), Linc.P (GW).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 23 Jul, HL (FH); 28 Jul, Montrose H (RDH); 11 Aug, Rkfd (DW). **MC**: 35, Carl.F, 30 Aug (DK); 25, LCal, 23 Aug (WM, m.ob.); 8, GrtLakes, 13 Sep (DW). **LD**: 11 Oct, Carl.F (DK).

Piping Plover

17 Aug (juv. banded at North Manitou Island, Michigan), Montrose H (RDH); 23 Aug, GrtLakes (RM); 23-30 Aug, Carl.F (DK, MD, TM:ph); 4 Sep, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (FB).

Killdeer

MC: 500, HL, 28 Jul (DK); 325, Carl.L, 28 Aug (KM); 318, Chau, 21 Aug (R&SBj); 227, Cherry Valley (Boone Co), 13 Aug (DW). **Others:** Scarce in JP (PC) and Grant P (DFS).

Black-necked Stilt

MC: **12**, Grassy Slough (Johnson Co), 11-12 Jul (FB). **LD**: 17 Aug (7), Grassy Slough (FB).

American Avocet

EA: 15 Jul (2), Montrose H (LB); 31 Jul, Chau (R&SBj); 3 Aug, GrtLakes (AFS). **MC**: **29**, Clear L, 16 & 29 Oct—species present throughout fall at site (R&SBj)—record fall high count. **LD**: 8 Nov, Clear L (R&SBj); 1 Nov (4), Evanston (WS); 23 Oct, Carl.F (MD, RP).

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 4 Jul, Carl.C (HDB, DK); 13 Jul, Bolingbrook (Will Co) (UG). **MC**: 33, Clear L, 9 Oct (R&SBj); 16, Carl.F, 30 Aug (DK, MD, TM). **LD**: 22 Nov, Knox Co (DJM); 19 Nov, Hennepin L (DFS), 8 Nov, Carl.C (DK); 6 Nov, Rkfd (DW).

Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 27 Jun, LCal (DFS); 29 Jun (5), Carl.C (DK); 3 Jul, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 4 Jul, Rkfd (DW). **MC**: 3032, Chau, 31 Jul (R&SBj); 1800, Clear L, 4 Sep (R&SBj). **LD**: 1 Nov (3), Carl.C (DK, FB, KM, TM); 1 Nov (8), McGinnis Sl. (AA, SP); 25 Oct, Hennepin L (DFS).

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 5 Jul, LCal (WM); 6 Jul, Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co) (DFS); 12 Jul (2), Carl.F (DK). **MC**: 32, LCal, 23 Aug (WM, m.ob.); 21, Blackhawk FP (Kane Co), 6 Sep (ES); 7, HL, 6 Aug (KM); 6, Carl.C, 20 & 29 Jul, 12 Aug (DK, KM, HDB); 5, JP, 13 Sep (KC); 4, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 24 Aug (DW). **LD**: 12 Oct, Thatcher Wds (WM, JA); 11 Oct, Blackhawk FP (Kane Co) (AFS); 17 Sep, Kankakee (JH); 4 Sep, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KM); 4 Sep, Chau (TM).

Willet

EA: 29 Jun, Carl.C (DK); 25 Jul, Montrose H (AFS). **MC**: 2, Montrose H, 20 Aug (PQ). **LD**: **3 Nov**, Chau (KM); 16 Oct, Clear L (R&SBj).

Merlin. Montrose, Cook County.
16 September 2003. Photo by Robert Hughes.

Spotted Sandpiper
EA: 8 Jul, Carl.F (DK). **MC**: 17, LCal, 23 Aug (WM, m.ob.); 11, JP, 13 Sep (KC); 7, Rend L, 4 Sep (KM); 6, Chau, 31 Jul (R&SBj), 6, Carl.L, 21 Jul & 23 Aug (DK). **LD**: 13 Nov, Montrose H (AA, JHP); 17 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 11 Oct, Crane L (Mason Co) (TM); 5 Oct, Chau (DK, MD).

Upland Sandpiper
MC: 15, Decatur (Macon Co), 8 Aug (TM); 7, Kendall Co, 1 Sep (DFS); 4, Earlville (La Salle Co), 22 Aug (C&JMc). **LD**: 30 Aug (5), Carl.F (DK, MD, TM).

Whimbrel
EA: 22-28 Jul, Montrose H (RT, WS, RDH, m.ob.). **MC**: 2, Montrose H, 27 Jul (JL, UG). **LD**: 6 Sep, Carl.C (*WR); 21 Aug, JP (KC).

Hudsonian Godwit
MC: 6, Fermi, 31 Aug (ES).

Marbled Godwit
EA: 26 Aug (2), Carl.F (DK). **LD**: 13 Sep, Carl.C (KM). **Other**: 28 Aug - 8 Sep, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KM, FB, TM).

Ruddy Turnstone
EA: 19 Jul (2), GrtLakes (DFS). **MC**: 5, Sangamon Co, 1 Sep (HDB); 3, Montrose H, 1 Aug (KH). **LD**: 24 Sep, Montrose H (RDH); 4 Sep, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (FB); 30 Aug (2), Carl.F (DK, MD, TM).

Red Knot
EA: 30 Aug, Waukegan (Lake Co) (AFS); 30 Aug, Montrose H (SF). **MC**: 3, GrtLakes, 30 Aug (DRD). **LD**: 16 Sep (2 juv.), Rainbow Beach, Chi (WS); 6 Sep, Waukegan (Lake Co) (DW). No reports from downstate.

Sanderling
EA: 18 Jul, Carl.C (DK); 22 Jul (25+), Montrose H (WS); 13 Aug, Rkfd (DW). **MC**: 23, Montrose H, 6 Sep (JHP); 20, Montrose H, 27 Jul (JL); 19, JP, 5 Sep (SC); 6, Clear L, 2 Oct (R&SBj). **LD**: 29 Nov, Waukegan (Lake Co) (KM, AFS, AnS, m.ob.); 16 Nov, JP (KC); 18 Oct, Montrose H (JHP).

Semipalmated Sandpiper
EA: 4 Jul (20+), Rkfd (DW); 17 Jul (11), Chau (R&SBj); 24 Jul, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 610, Clear L, 29 Aug (R&SBj); 492, Chau, 24 Jul (R&SBj); 300, Carl.F, 30 Aug (DK, MD, TM). **LD**: 13 Oct (100), Quiver L (Mason Co) (KM, DK, LA); 21 Sep (2), Carl.C (DK); 14 Sep (2), JP (KC).

Western Sandpiper
EA: 26-27 Jul, HL (DK, KM, m.ob.); 8 Aug, Middle Fork Savanna FP (Lake Co) (JS). **MC**: 11, Carl.F, 30 Aug (DK, MD, TM); 2, Rkfd, 14 Sep (DW). **LD**: 1 Nov, Carl.C (DK, KM, FB, TM). **Others**: 4 Sep, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (FB); 13 Sep, Montrose H (GW).

Least Sandpiper
EA: 27 Jun, Fishhook WMA (Moultrie Co) (TM); 29 Jun (6), Carl.C (DK); 30 Jun (4), Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 4 Jul (65), Rkfd (DW). **MC**: 500, HL, 1 Aug (KM); 400, Carl.F, 30 Aug (DK, MD, TM); 175, Clear L, 4 Sep (R&SBj). **LD**: 15 Nov (3), Clin.L (EC); 2 Nov, Carl.C (DK).

White-rumped Sandpiper
EA: 24 Jul, Carl.C (DK); 16 Aug, GrtLakes (AFS, RDH). **MC**: 3, Rend L (Jefferson Co), 4 Sep (FB). **LD**: 4 Oct, Blackhawk FP (Kane Co) (UG); 20 Sep, Carl.F (KM, DK, IOS).

Baird's Sandpiper
EA: 30-31 Jul, Montrose H (RDH); 30 Jul, HL (DK, TM); 24 Aug (3), Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DW). **MC**: 12, Lake Co, 6 Sep (DW); 10, Carl.F, 23 & 28 Aug (DK, KM); 10, IBSP, 30 Aug (AFS); 7, Montrose H, 25 Aug (KH); 6, JP, 26 Aug (CG). **LD**: 1 Nov, Carl.C (DK, FB, KM, TM); 9 Oct, Montrose H (RDH, JHP); 14 Sep (8), Rkfd (DW).

Pectoral Sandpiper
EA: 29 Jun (4), Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 3000, HL, 3 Aug (WR); 1879, Chau, 7 Aug (R&SBj). **LD**: 16 Nov, Clin.L (TM, MD); 3 Nov, Chau (KM); 1 Nov, Carl.C (DK, FB, KM, TM).

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER
28 Sep - 6 Oct, Blackhawk FP (Kane Co) (SCs, m.ob., DK:ph, TM:ph, JK:ph)—**fifth Illinois record**.

Dunlin. Montrose Harbor, Cook County. 8 November 2003. Photo by Eric Walters.

Dunlin
EA: 23 Aug, Joliet (Will Co) (CA); 24 Aug, Worley L (Tazewell Co) (KR). **MC**: 130, Rend L, 8 Nov (LS); 125, Chau, 19 Oct (KM); 103, Clin.L, 10 Nov (RD); 50, Rend L (Jefferson Co), 26 Oet (DK); 35, Rkfd, 9 Nov (DW). **LD**: 6 Dec, Waukegan (Lake Co) (AFS); 30 Nov, Monmouth (Warren Co) (DJM); 19 Nov (2), JP (SC, DC).

Stilt Sandpiper
EA: 5 Jul, LCal (WM); 11 Jul (3), Carl.C (DK); 13 Jul, sw Jackson Co (DK). **MC**: 60, Clear L, 29 Aug (R&SBj); 52, Carl.F, 1 Sep (DK). **LD**: 19 Oct, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DK); 13 Oct (3), Quiver L (Mason Co) (KM).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper
EA: 6 Aug, HL (KM); 16 Aug (3) Cherry Valley (Boone Co) (DW). **MC**: 32 & 28, Chau, 21 & 28 Aug (R&SBj, SB,resp.); 11, Dunham Road (McHenry Co), 1 Sep (R&AM); 10, Carl.F, 23 Aug (DK); 10, Momence (Kankakee Co), 15 Sep (SB). **LD**: 19 Sep, Grant P (DFS).

[RUFF
11-14 Oct, Mason Co.]

Short-billed Dowitcher
EA: 27 Jun, LCal (DFS); 6 Jul, Carl.F (DK). **MC**: 20, Carl.F, 12 Aug (DK); 14, LCal, 5 Jul (WM); 12, JP, 21 Aug (SC). **LD**: 13 Sep, Carl.C (DK); 1 Sep (9), Rkfd (DW).

Great Black-backed Gull. Lake Decatur, Macon County. 14 August 2003. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Dowitcher, sp.
MC: 165, Mason Co, 2 Oct—reported as Short-billed, but in the absence of documentation the date effectively guarantees Long-billed for so high a tally.

Long-billed Dowitcher
EA: 24 Aug, Carl.F (DK, TM, MD). **MC**: 205, Chau, 8 Oct (ES); 150, Quiver L (Mason Co), 20 Oct (KM); 20, Carl.F, 11 Oct (DK); 9, Rock Cut, 24 Sep (DW). **LD**: 7 Nov (3), IBSP (VB); 3 Nov, Clin.L (RD); 2 Nov, Fermi (AFS); 26 Oct, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DK). See also preceding.

Wilson's Snipe
EA: 6 Aug, Middle Fork Savanna FP (Lake Co) (DRD); 12 Aug, Carl.C (DK, HDB). **MC**: 36, Carl.F, 25 Oct (DK); 11, Chau, 30-31 Oct (R&SBj, KM, CL); 11, Clin.L, 13 Oct (RD). **LD**: into Dec.

American Woodcock
EA: 9 Aug, Chau (DK, KM, TM); 15 Oct, JP (SC). **MC**: 3, Forest Park (Cook Co), 1 Nov (R&AM). **LD**: 9 Nov, HL (FH); 6 Nov, Kankakee (JH). **Other**: 27 Sep, Sand Rdg (RJ).

Wilson's Phalarope
EA: 7 Jul (juv.), Hennepin L (DFS). **MC**: 4, Chau, 28 Sep (RJ). **LD**: 11 Oct, Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason/Cass Cos) (TM); 24 Sep, Arcola (Douglas Co) (GL); 21 Sep, Carl.F (DK).

Red-necked Phalarope
EA: 9 Aug, Chau (DK, KM, TM). **MC**: 4, Chau, 11-14 Sep (KR, HDB, TM, AFS). **LD**: 28 Sep, Carl.C (DK). **Other:** 25 Aug, Chain O' Lakes (Lake Co) (SB).

Red Phalarope
11-14 Sep, Chau (HDB, TM); 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK).

Probable Parasitic Jaeger. Montrose, Cook County. 27 September 2003. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Jaeger, sp?
9 Oct, Montrose H (CG).

Jaeger, sp?
8 Nov, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)—reported as Pomarine, but no details provided.

[Parasitic Jaeger
25-29 Sep (juv. female), Montrose H (specimen to Field Museum of Natural History, Chi).]

Laughing Gull
MC: 2, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DK). **LD**: 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.) **Others**: 26-31 Jul, HL (KM, DK); 9 Aug, GrtLakes (WM); 10-24 Aug, HL (FH).

Franklin's Gull
EA: 13 Jul (ad.), Chau (R&SBj); 9 Aug, LCal (WS); 3 Sep (8), JP (SC); 20 Sep, Carl.C (KM, DK, IOS). **MC**: 150, Carl.C, 19 Oct—75 still present on 25 Oct (DK); 63, Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Mason/Cass Cos), 11 Oct (TM); 35, HL, 19 Oct (WR); 20, LSpfld, 30 Sep (HDB); 16, Evanston, 6 Nov (WS); 9, Chau, 16 Oct (R&SBj). **LD**: 10 Nov, HL (KM).

Bonaparte's Gull
EA: 16 Aug (8), LCal (AA); 24 Aug, JP (KC); 30 Aug, Carl.F (DK, MD, TM). **MC**: 2000, Carl.C, 8 Nov (DK); 700, Clin.L, 2 Nov (KM); 650, LSpfld, 9 Nov (KM); 170, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 5 Nov (CA); 72, Clear L, 8 Nov (R&SBj); 59, JP, 2 Nov (PC, SC). **LD**: into Dec.

BLACK-TAILED GULL
7 Aug, Montrose H (RDH:ph, m.ob.)—**first state record**.

Ring-billed Gull
EA: 29 Jun (40 ad.), Carl.C (DK). **MC**: **40,000**, Carl.C, 29 Nov (DK)—record fall high count (with previous published counts Aug-Nov peaking at 10,000 birds); 3500, Chau, 19 Oct (KM); 3100, Grant P, 1 Oct (DFS); 2500, Crab Or., 28 Oct (KM).

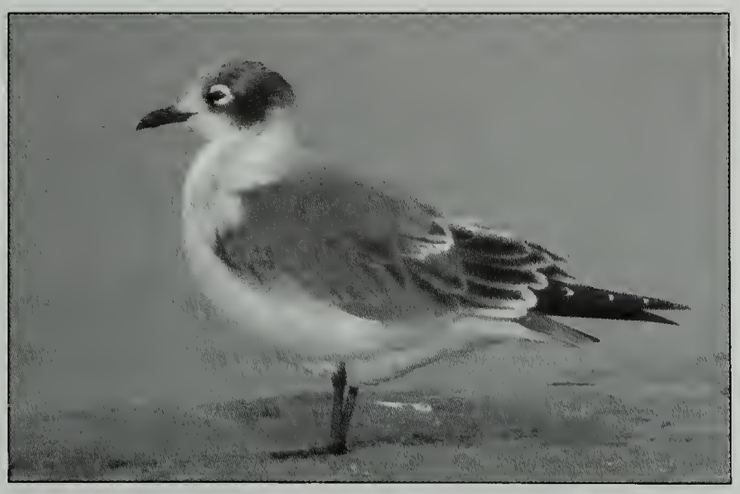
Herring Gull
EA: 16 Aug, Chau (TM, MD); 7 Sep, Carl.C (DK, TM). **MC**: 2000, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 29 Nov (KM, AFS, RDH); 120, Grant P, 1 Oct (DFS), 50, Carl.C, 9-11 Nov (DK, TM).

Thayer's Gull
EA: 16 Oct (1st year), L Decatur (Macon Co) (TM). **MC**: 6, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 29 Nov (KM, AFS, RDH).

Lesser Black-backed Gull
EA: 17 Oct - 1 Dec (ad.), JP (SC, PC); 25 Nov (1st year), Montrose H (RDH); 28 Nov, Chi (GW). **Other**: 29 Nov (ad.), Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (KM, AFS, RDH).

Glaucous Gull
EA: 22 Nov, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (RDH); 22 Nov, Montrose H (JHP et al.).

Great Black-backed Gull
EA: **13-14 Aug** (4th year), L Decatur (Macon Co) (MD, TM)—record early



Franklin's Gull. Montrose Harbor, Cook County. 9 October 2003. Photo by Robert Hughes.

away from Lake Michigan; **17 Aug**, GrtLakes (JB); **30 Aug** - 22 Nov (ad.), Waukegan (Lake Co) (AFS); 13 Sep (ad.), IBSP (DW). **Other**: 22-29 Nov (1st), Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (DK, AFS et al.).

Sabine's Gull

EA: 21 Sep (juv.), Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 2 (juv.), LSpfld, 20-26 Sep (HDB et al.); 2 (juv.), Carl.C, 27 Sep (DK, m.ob.). **LD**: 11 Oct, Crane L (Mason Co) (TM); 1 Oct, Carl.C (DK); 30 Sep - 2 Oct, Rock Island Co (SFd).

Caspian Tern

EA: 29 Jun (8), Carl.C (DK); 6 Jul, Rkfd (DW). **MC**: 64, LCal, 16 Aug (WM); 50, Chau, 28 Aug (SB); 22, Carl.F, 30 Aug (DK, KM, TM); 14, JP, 9 Aug (KC). **LD**: **31 Oct**, Carl.L (KM); 11 Oct, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DK); 5 Oct, Montrose H (GW, JHP); 16 Sep, Rock Cut (DW).

Common Tern

EA: 29 Jun (6), Carl.C (DK). **LD**: 3 Nov, Clin.L (RD).

Forster's Tern

EA: 4 Jul, Carl.C (DK, HDB); 21 Jul, Moultrie Co (TM); 8 Aug, JP (KC). **MC**: 81, Carl.C, 6 Sep (DK); 21, Rkfd, 14 Sep (DW), 15, Montrose H, 20 Sep (GW). **LD**: 26 Oct (6), Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DK); 10 Oct (3), Montrose H (GW).

Least Tern

EA: **29 Jun**, Carl.C (DK). **LD**: **13 Sep**, Carl.C (KM). **Other**: 3 Jul, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co) (TM).

Black Tern

EA: 1 Jul, HL (FH); 6 Jul (2), Carl.F (DK). **MC**: 40, Chau, 28Aug (SB); 23, Carl.C, 13 Sep (DK); 14, Rend L (Jefferson Co), 28 Aug (KM); 10, Hennepin L, 30 Aug (KM); 4, Rkfd, 14 Sep (DW). **LD**: 28 Sep (2), Carl.C (DK).

Rock Dove

MC: 550, Cook Co, 6 Oct (DFS); 106, LSpfld, 30 Nov (RJ).

Streptopelia, sp?

MC: 50, Cicero, 24 Oct (CAT); reported as Eurasian Collared-Doves and hybrids by many observers, but population remains undocumented.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: **30**, Waltonville (Jefferson Co), 5 Aug (DK, TM, AS); 6, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK); 4, Madison Co, 1 Sep (FH). **Others**: 14 Sep, Mt. Pulaski (Logan Co) (TM); 1 Oct (2), Kankakee (JH).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

27 Jul - 5 Aug (juv.), Waltonville (Jefferson Co) (DK:ph, TM:ph, AS). Six previously accepted records, 1998-2002.

White-winged Dove. Waltonville, Jefferson County. 5 August 2003. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Mourning Dove

MC: 400, Carl.F, 23 Aug (DK); 400, St. Clair Co, 21 Aug (KM); 160, e. Kankakee Co, 28 Nov (DFS).

Monk Parakeet

MC: **98**, Burnham, LCal, 22 Nov (WM); 48, JP, 13 Aug (PC); 8, Carl.C, 1-2 Nov (DK, KM et al.).

Black-billed Cuckoo

EA: 16 Aug, Linc.P (JHP); 20 Aug (found dead), Chi (GW); 20 Aug, Kankakee (JH); 23 Aug, Carl.F (DK). **MC**: 2, Chau, 17 Aug (R&KF). **LD**: 17 Sep, JP (KC, m.ob.); 16 Sep, Montrose H (GW, JHP).

Rufous Hummingbird. Springfield, Sangamon County. 28 July 2003. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

EA: 4 Sep, JP (BH). **MC**: 8, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK); 5, Chau, 28 Aug (SB); 4, JP, 7 Sep (BH, KC); 2, Union Co, 12 Sep (DRD). **LD**: 18 Oct, Carl.C (DK); 11 Oct, Lake Co (JSm); 6 Oct, Clin.L (RD).

[BARN OWL

MC: 2, **Putnam Co**, 1 Nov into Dec. **Others**: 19 Oct, **Knox Co**; 31 Jul, Franklin Co.]

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 3, Spfld, 8 Sep (RJ); 3, Carl.C, 1 Nov (DK, FB, KM, TM).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 4, Carl.L, 19 Sep (DW), 1 Nov (KM, DK, FB, TM).

Barred Owl

MC: 3, Carl.C, 1 Nov (DK, FB, KM, TM).

Long-eared Owl

EA: 18 Oct, Salt Crk (DFS). **MC**: 3 (2 locations), Vermilion Co, 23 Nov (SB,PW,CMd). **Other**: 29-30 Nov, Kankakee (JH).

Short-eared Owl

EA: 21 Oct, Montrose H (RDH, JHP); 27 Oct, Decatur (Macon Co) (TM); 28 Nov, Carl.C (DK, WR, MR). **MC**: 4, Hennepin L, 15 Nov (C&JMc); 2, Reilly (Vermilion Co), 21 Nov (SB,SD).

Common Nighthawk

EA: **2 Aug** (2), Kankakee (JH); 9 Aug, Chau (DK, TM, KM); 23 Aug (3), Belleville (St. Clair Co) (DK). **MC**: 150, Spfld, 7 Sep (RJ); 85, Freeport, 25 Aug (DW); 50, Chi, 7 Sep (JLd); 15, Middle Fork Savanna FP (Lake Co), 2 Sep (SB). **LD**: **15 Oct** (2), IBSP (PS,SB); 11 Oct, HL (FH); 10 Oct, Carl.C (DK, MD); 10 Oct, St. Clair Co (KM); 9 Oct, Galesburg (DJM); 6 Oct, Villa Park (Du Page Co) (DFS). Poor numbers (KM).

Whip-poor-will

MC: **11**, Sand Rdg, 16 Aug (TM, MD). **LD**: 12 Sep, sw. Franklin Co (LS).

Chimney Swift

MC: 1000, HL, 1 Aug (KM); 400+, McGinnis Sl., 18 Sep (WS); 210, JP, 22 Sep (PC). **LD**: 16 Oct (2), Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS); 13 Oet, Galesburg (DJM); 13 Oct, Chau (DK, KM, LA).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

MC: **70**, West Frankfort (Franklin Co), 8 Sep (LS); 15, Linc.P, 20 Sep (GW); 12, Salt Crk, 30 Aug (DFS); 12, Mermet L (Massac Co), 31 Jul (KM). **LD**: 11 Oct, HL (FH); 9 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 25 Sep, Carl.L (KM); 21 Sep, Rkfd (DW); 14 Sep, Skokie Lagoons FP (Cook Co) (JLd).

Rufous Hummingbird
28 Jul, Spfld, Sangamon Co, (TM).

[SELASPHORUS, sp?
11-13 Nov (imm. female, possibly present since July), De Kalb Co.]

Belted Kingfisher
EA: 17 Jul, JP (KC). **MC**: 6, Kankakee, 11 Sep & 10 Oct (JH); 6, LCal, 31 Aug (WM).

Red-headed Woodpecker
EA: 7 Sep (2), JP (PC, BH). **MC**: **50**, Monroe Co levee, 16 Aug (JZ); 17, e. Kankakee Co, 29 Nov (DFS); 15, Chau, 28 Aug (SB); 15, Kankakee, 5 Sep (JH); 7, Mason Co, 9 Aug (KM, DK, TM).

Red-bellied Woodpecker
EA: 25 Oct, JP (CAM). **MC**: 23, Peoria Heights (Peoria Co), 12 Oct (AA); 15, Kickapoo SP, 4 Oct (R&AM); 15, Ogle Co, 22 Nov (DFS); 13, Chau, 3 Nov (KM); 6, Carl.C, 21 Sep (DK). **LD**: 30 Nov, JP (PC).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
EA: 15 Sep, JP (SC); 22 Sep, Busey Woods, Urbana (EC); 27 Sep, Sand Rdg (RJ); 2 Oct, HL (FH). **MC**: **45**, Grant Park, 1 Oct (DFS)—**record fall high count** (previously 22 at same site, 23 Sep 1998); 10, Kickapoo SP, 4 Oct (R&AM).

Downy Woodpecker
MC: 25, Salt Crk, 28 Sep (DFS); 21, LCal, 4 Oct (DFS); 10, Kickapoo SP, 4 Oct (R&AM); 8, Carl.C, 21 Sep (DK).

Hairy Woodpecker
MC: 8, Ogle Co, 22 Nov (DFS); 5, Mason Co, 3 Nov (KM).

Northern Flicker
EA: 5 Sep, Grant P (DFS). **MC**: **63**, Kankakee, 1 Oct (JH); 50, Kickapoo SP, 4 Oct (R&AM); 27, Urbana, 23 Sep (SB); 25, Thatcher Wds, 21 Sep (DFS); 16, Mason Co, 3 Nov (KM).

Pileated Woodpecker
MC: 3, Chau, 6 Sep (KM).

Olive-sided Flycatcher
EA: 13 Aug, JP (PC); 15 Aug, Kankakee (JH). **MC**: 2, Salt Crk, 3 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 25 Sep (2), Kankakee (JH); 23 Sep, Urbana (SB); 14 Sep, Chau (TM, KR et al.).

Eastern Wood-Pewee
EA: 31 Aug, JP (PC). **MC**: 10, Salt Crk, 31 Aug (DFS); 10, Spfld, 7 Sep (RJ); 8, Carl.L, 13 Sep (KM). **LD**: 20 Oct, Chau (KM); 12 Oct, Carl.C (DK); 9 Oct, JP (SC); 8 Oct, Linc.P (GW); 5 Oct, Skokie Lagoons FP (Cook Co) (JLd); 22 Sep, Rkfd (DW). **Others**: 2 nestlings, Rkfd, 3 Sep (DW).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
EA: **22 Jul**, JP (*PC). **MC**: 2, Salt Crk, 31 Aug (DFS). **LD**: 2 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 28 Sep, Salt Crk (DFS); 28 Sep, JP (SC).

Acadian Flycatcher
MC: 2, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK). **LD**: 19 Sep, Kankakee (JH).

"Traill's Flycatcher"
EA: 7 Aug, JP (KC). **MC**: 3, Grant P, 5 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 29 Sep, JP (KC); 29 Sep, Kankakee (JH).

Alder Flycatcher
EA: 3 Aug, Fermi. **MC**: 3, Carl.C, 13 Sep (DK). **LD**: 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.).

Willow Flycatcher
MC: 4, Carl.F, 14 Aug (KM). **LD**: 20 Sep (2), Linc.P (GW).

Least Flycatcher
EA: 12 Aug, JP (PC). **MC**: 9, Chi lakefront, 20 Sep (GW); 3, Urbana, 23 Sep (SB); 2, Carl.C, 20 Sep (KM, DK, IOS). **LD**: 12 Oct, Montrose H (GW); 12 Oct, JP (KC).

Eastern Phoebe
EA: 16 Sep, Montrose H (GW). **MC**: **12**, Middle Fork River County FP (Champaign Co), 27 Sep (EC)—somewhat surprisingly, previous fall high counts published in Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* and the subsequent Illinois journals have not exceeded 10 birds; 6, Kankakee, 1 Oct (JH); 5, n. Marshall Co, 23 Sep (DFS); 4, Montrose H, 12 Oct (GW). **LD**: 8 Nov, McGinnis Sl. (UG); 4 Nov, JP (PC).

Say's Phoebe, Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 31 October 2003. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

SAY'S PHOEBE
31 Oct, Carl.C (DK:ph, CM, JE, AS).

Great Crested Flycatcher
MC: 4, JP, 4 Sep (BH, PC); 3, Salt Crk, 30 Aug (DFS). **LD**: 12 Oct, Coles Co (LBH); 1 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 25 Sep, Carl.L (KM); 22 Sep, JP (SC).

Western Kingbird
MC: 4, EStL, 26 Jul (KM). **LD**: 31 Jul, EStL (KM, DK, TM).

Eastern Kingbird
MC: 29, Rock Cut, 27 Aug (DW); 26, Cook Co, 18 Aug (WS); 20, Carl.C, 23 Aug (DK); 17, HL, 14 Sep (FH); 9, JP, 5 Aug (PC). **LD**: 21 Sep, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (LBH); 21 Sep, Carl.C (DK); 15 Sep, Montrose H (GW); 15 Sep, JP (KC); 13 Sep (17), Rock Cut (DW).

Loggerhead Shrike
MC: 2, Carl.C, 1 & 11 Nov (DK et al.).

Northern Shrike
EA: 4 Oct, Roselle (Du Page Co) (RH). **MC**: 2, Palos, 19 Oct (KW, JD); 2, Montrose H, 21 Oct (RDH, m.ob.); 2, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 23 Oct (RBs). **Others:** 25 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 26 Oct, Goose L Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co) (DFS), 26 Oct, Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co) (SB); 1 Nov, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (WS); 28 Nov, Big Marsh, LCal (DFS); 15-28 Nov, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (KM, CT, TK, m.ob.); 16 Nov, Clin.L (TM, MD). A total of twenty-five records, with fourteen records (involving seventeen birds) in Oct, and eleven records of singles in Nov. Eleven records were in Cook Co, four in Du Page, three in Lake, two in McHenry, two in Kane, and one each in DeWitt, Grundy and Kankakee Counties. The Clin.L bird was the farthest south.

White-eyed Vireo
MC: 8, Carl.C, 13-14 Sep (KM, DK). **LD**: **25 Nov**, **Chi** (TSS); 4 Oct, Carl.C (DK).

Bell's Vireo
MC: 2, Sauget, 31 Jul (KM). **LD**: 24 Aug, HL (FH); 4 Aug, Carl.C (DK).

Yellow-throated Vireo
MC: 3, Kankakee, 25 Sep (JH); 2, Salt Crk, 25 Sep (DFS); 2, Carl.C, 20 Sep (DW). **LD**: 5 Oct, Salt Crk, (DFS); 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.).

Blue-headed Vireo
EA: 6 Sep, Salt Crk (DFS); 22 Sep, Clin.L (RD). **MC**: 3, Grant Park, 1 Oct (DFS). **LD**: 5 Nov, Kankakee (JH); 13 Oct, Chau (KM).

Warbling Vireo
MC: 3, Kankakee, 11 Sep (JH). **LD**: 6 Oct, Clin.L (RD); 27 Sep, Salt Crk (DFS); 27 Sep, JP (KC); 20 Sep, Carl.C (KM, DK, IOS).

Philadelphia Vireo
EA: 23 Aug, Kankakee (JH); 23 Aug, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co) (ES); 30 Aug, Salt Crk (DFS). **MC**: **13**, Chi lakefront, 20 Sep (GW); 6, Middle Fork River County FP (Champaign Co), 7 Sep (EC); 4, Illini SP (La Salle Co), 27 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 11 Oct, Fermi (ES); 7 Oct, Calamus L (Macon Co) (TM); 4 Oct, Eggers Woods FP, LCal (DFS), 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.).

Red-eyed Vireo
EA: 26 Aug (2), JP (PC). **MC**: 23, Salt Crk, 2 Sep (DFS), 19, Rock Cut, 4 Sep (DW); 13, Dan Wright Woods FP (Lake Co), 15 Sep (SB); 12, Carl.L, 25 Sep (KM); 10, Urbana, 20 Sep (SB). **LD**: 20 Oct, Clin.L (RD); 8 Oct, JP (KC); 5 Oct, Montrose H (GW).

Blue Jay
EA: 2 Aug, JP (PC); 5 Sep, Grant P (DFS). **MC**: 147, e. Kankakee Co, 29 Nov (DFS); 87, Ogle Co, 22 Nov (DFS); 40, Carl.C, 25 Sep (KM), 25 Oct, 16 Nov (DK); 30, Dan Wright Woods FP (Lake Co), 15 Sep (SB).

American Crow
MC: 2000, HL, 10 Nov (KM); 825, Ogle Co, 22 Nov (DFS); 248, LSpfld, 30 Nov (RJ); 100, JP, 22 Oct (KC).

Fish Crow
LD: **10 Nov** (3), HL (KM).

Horned Lark
EA: 29 Sep (2), Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 90, Kendall Co, 1 Sep (DFS); 30, Carl.C, 23 Aug (DK). **LD**: 24 Oct, Grant P (DFS).

Purple Martin
EA: 17 Jul (2), Grant P (DFS). **MC**: 150, Wolf L, LCal, 14 Aug (WM); 100, Carl.L, 31 Jul (KM); 60, JP, 13 Aug (KC). **LD**: 4 Oct (2), Kickapoo SP (R&AM); 21 Sep, Carl.L (KM); 9 Sep (2), JP (KC, SC).

Tree Swallow
MC: 25,000, Bond Co, 1 Nov (KM, DK, FB, TM); 4000, Carl.C, 21 Sep, 1 Oct & 25 Oct (DK); 3000, LSpfld, 30 Sep (HDB). **LD**: **6 Dec** (2), UCCA (KM, DK, FB, TM); 3 Nov, Clin.L (RD); 2 Nov, Carl.C (DK).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow
MC: 600, Chau, 6 Sep (KM); 95, n. Marshall Co, 23 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 7 Oct (3), Kankakee (JH); 28 Sep, Carl.F (DK).

Bank Swallow
EA: 16 Jul (3), Grant P (DFS). **MC**: 3000+, Chau, 9 Aug (LLH); 620, Hennepin L, 18 Jul (DFS); 100, Chau, 9 Aug (KM, DK, TM). **LD**: 7 Sep, Carl.C (DK, TM); 6 Sep (KM), Chau (KM).

Cliff Swallow
MC: 200, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK). **LD**: 22 Sep, Carl.L (KM).

Barn Swallow
MC: 300, Carl.C, 23 Aug (DK). **LD**: **27 Nov - 21 Dec**, Kankakee (JH:ph)—**record late date north of southern Illinois**; **28 Nov**, O'Fallon sewage treatment plant (DK, WR, MR); 22 Oct, Hennepin L (DFS).

Carolina Chickadee
MC: 20, Kickapoo SP, 4 Oct (R&AM); 15, Carl.L, 13 Sep (KM).

Black-capped Chickadee
MC: 65, Ogle Co, 22 Nov (DFS); 59, Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co), 15 Nov (DFS); 25, Clin.L, 24 Nov (RD); 15, Spfld, 7 Sep (RJ).

Tufted Titmouse
MC: 14, e. Kankakee Co, 29 Nov (DFS); 8, Carl.C, 21 Sep (DK) & 25 Sep (KM).

Red-breasted Nuthatch
EA: 24 Aug, Wheaton (Du Page Co) (ES); 30 Aug, Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co) (JC, MBC); 3 Sep, JP (PC); 5 Sep, Grant P (DFS); 23 Sep (2), Urbana (SB); 11 Oct, Sand Rdg (TM, MD); 2 Nov, Belleville (St. Clair Co) (DK). **MC**: **124**, Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co), 1 Nov (ES); 5, Urbana, 21 Nov (SB, SD); 4, Mason Co, 13 Oct (KM, DK, LA). The high count provides the largest tally in the 20-year history of the modern Illinois journals, wherein previous maxima are of 90 at the Union County Conservation Area on 22 Dec 1994 and 56 at the Morton Arboretum on 10 Dec 1986.

White-breasted Nuthatch
MC: 29, Ogle Co, 22 Nov (DFS). **Others**: 27 Jul - 27 Nov, JP (PC); 9 Oct - 26 Nov, Linc.P (JHP, LM, m.ob.) (rare along Chicago lakefront).

Brown Creeper
EA: 20 Sep, Montrose H (ES); 20 Sep, Rainbow Beach, Chi (GW); 27 Sep, Illini SP (La Salle Co) (DFS); 27 Sep, Madison Co (FH); 28 Oct, Rend L (KM). **MC**: 8, Linc.P, 8 Oct (GW).

Carolina Wren
EA: 2 Sep, JP (PC). **MC**: 8, Kankakee, 22 Nov (JH); 8, Hennepin L, 19 Nov (DFS); 8, Kickapoo SP, 4 Oct (R&AM); 8, Carl.C, 4 Aug & 25 Sep (DK, KM, resp.); 6, Urbana, 23 Sep (SB); 4, JP, 26 Aug (KC). **LD**: 13 Sep, JP (KC).

House Wren
EA: 19 Sep, Hyde Park, Chi (SC). **MC**: 9, Salt Crk, 30 Aug (DFS); 4, Chau, 6 Sep (KM). **LD**: 21 Oct, JP (PC).

Winter Wren
EA: 23 Sep, Montrose H (JL); 25 Sep, JP (PC); 1 Oct, Champaign (Champaign Co) (RD). **MC**: 11, Skokie Lagoons FP (Cook Co), 15 Oct (JLd); 6, Rkfd, 16 Oct (DW).

Sedge Wren
EA: 31 Jul (migrant?), Carl.L (KM); 2 Sep (2), Middle Fork Savanna Fp (Lake Co) (SB); 4 Sep, JP (KC); 7 Sep, Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 11, Kankakee, 2 Aug (JH); 4, Carl.C, 23 Aug (DK); 4 (singing), Chau, 28 Aug (SB); 3, Montrose H, 20 Sep (RDH). **LD**: 1 Nov, Carl.C (DK, FB, TM, KM); 2 Nov, HL (WR); 9 Oct, JP (SC).

Marsh Wren

EA: 8 Sep, Montrose H (GW); 20 Sep, Carl.L (KM, DK, IOS). **MC**: 10, Carl.F, 20 Sep (DK, IOS); 6, Middle Fork Savanna FP (Lake Co), 2 Sep (SB); 6, Linc.P, 20 Sep (GW); 5, Hennepin L, 5 Oct (C&JMc); 4, JP, 28 Sep (SC, PC). **LD**: **27 Nov**, Wolf Road Prairie, LCal (DFS). **Other:** 2 (atypical habitat), Urbana, 23 Sep (SB).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 29 Sep (9), JP (PC); 29 Sep, Montrose H (GW); 1 Oct, Galesburg (DJM); 9 Oct, O'Fallon (KM); 12 Oct, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 41, LCal, 4 Oct (DFS); 7, Sand Rdg, 3 Nov (KM).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 31 Aug, Salt Crk (DFS); 20 Sep, Urbana (SB); 20 Sep, Carl.L (KM, DK, IOS). **MC**: 38, JP, 15 Oct (KC); 32, Chi, 17 Oct (GW), 12, LSpfld, 12 Oct (RJ). **LD**: into Dec.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

EA: 26 Aug (KC). **MC**: **10**, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co), 23 Aug (ES)—record fall high count for Illinois; 6, Salt Crk, 6 Sep (DFS); 6, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK) & 28 Aug (KM). **LD**: **16 Oct**, JP (KC)—third latest for northern Illinois.

Eastern Bluebird

MC: 35, Boone Co, 2 Oct (DFS); 35, Palos, 9 Nov (CAT); 21, Carl.C, 1 Nov (KM, DK, FB, TM).

[TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

19 Nov, Lake Co.]

Veery

EA: 25 Aug, Thatcher Wds (JA); 1 Sep, JP (PC); 3 Sep, Urbana (SB); 13 Sep, Carl.C (DK). **MC:** 20 (night-time flyovers), Mundelein (Lake Co), 14/15 Sep (SB, SD). **LD**: **16 Oct**, Linc.P (WS)—ties with 1981 for record late date.

Gray-cheeked Thrush

EA: 30 Aug, Kankakee (JH); 5 Sep, Grant P (DFS). **MC**: 8, McCormick Place, 23 Sep (GW); 6, Thatcher Wds, 21 Sep (DFS). **LD**: **20 Nov**, Beck L FP (Cook Co) (AA, DJ)—record Illinois late date, excluding Christmas Bird Count reports (18 Dec 1982, 2 Jan 1983); 20 Oct, Rkfd (DW); 1 Oct, JP (KC); 8 Oct, Montrose H (GW).

Swainson's Thrush

EA: 26 Aug (2), JP (SC), 13 Sep, Carl.L (KM, DK). **MC**: 250, (night-time flyovers), Mundelein (Lake Co), 14/15 Sep (SB,SD); 100, Chi lakefront, 20 Sep (WS); 79, Salt Crk, 3 Sep (DFS); 50, Urbana, 3 Sep (SB). **LD**: 17 Oct, Grant P (DFS); 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.).

Hermit Thrush

EA: 28 Sep, JP (PC); 29 Sep, Montrose H (GW); 6 Oct, Clin.L (RD); 19 Oct (2), Chau (KM). **MC**: 75, Linc.P, 16 Oct (WS); 6, Carl.C, 16 Nov (DK). **LD**: into Dec.

Wood Thrush

EA: 7 Sep, Grant P (DFS). **MC**: 3, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK); 3, Urbana, 20 Sep (SB). **LD**: 15 Oct, Rkfd (DW); 13 Oct, Montrose H (LM); 12 Oct, Lowden SP (Ogle Co) (R&AM).

American Robin

EA: 12 Sep, JP (KC). **MC**: **4300+** (roost), Palos, 30 Oct (WS); 510, Grundy Co, 26 Oct (DFS); 335, Table Grove (Fulton Co) (KM).

VARIED THRUSH

20 Nov, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH:ph).

Gray Catbird

MC: 35, Carl.L, 25 Sep (KM); 30, Urbana, 23 Sep (SB); 22, Grundy Co, 20 Sep (DFS). **LD**: into Dec.

Northern Mockingbird

EA: 10 Aug, IBSP (WS). **MC**: 5, Sand Rdg, 9 Aug (KM, DK, TM). **LD**: 15 Nov, Kankakee (JH); 9 Nov, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co) (JLS).

Brown Thrasher

EA: 4 Sep, JP (PC, BH). **MC**: 11, Carl.L, 13 Sep (KM); 8, JP, 23 & 25 Sep (PC). **LD**: 27 Nov, Salt Crk (DFS).

European Starling

MC: 6000 (roost), LCal, 7 Oct; 1630, Ogle Co, 22 Nov (DFS); 1000, Momence (Kankakee Co), 24 Aug (JH); 800, Carl.C, 23 Aug (DK).

American Pipit

EA: 14 Sep, Rkfd (DW); 15 Sep, Momence (Kankakee Co) (SB); 29 Sep, Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 75+, Macon Co, 2 Nov (TM, MD); 40, Chau, 13 Oct; 40, Carl.C, 9 Nov (DK); 23, Clin.L, 27 Oct (RD). **LD**: into Dec.

American Pipit. Montrose, Cook County. 6 October 2003. Photo by Robert Hughes.

Cedar Waxwing

EA: 29 Jul (5), JP (PC). **MC**: 486, Kankakee, 2 Sep (JH); 325, Palos, 11 Nov (WS); 300, Carl.C, 27 Nov (DK); 255, Salt Crk, 31 Aug (DFS).

Blue-winged Warbler

EA: 31 Aug (male), JP (PC); 31 Aug, McDowell Grove FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 7 Sep, Massac Co (FB). **LD**: 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.); 23 Sep, Urbana (SB); 22 Sep, Clin.L (RD); 16 Sep, Kankakee (JH); 7 Sep, JP (BH, PC).

Golden-winged Warbler

EA: 28 Aug, JP (PC). **MC**: 8, Massac Co, 7 Sep (FB); 6, Kankakee, 15 Sep (JH). **LD**: 23 Sep, Kankakee (JH); 20 Sep (female), Urbana (SB); 20 Sep (male), I&M Canal (Grundy Co) (DFS); 20 Sep, Carl.C (DK); 15 Sep, Dan Wright Woods FP (Lake Co) (SB).

"Lawrence's" Warbler:

7 Sep, Massac Co (FB).

Tennessee Warbler

EA: 16 Aug, Hyde Park, Chi (SC); 20 Aug, Linc.P (GW); 28 Aug, Carl.L (KM). **MC**: 81, Salt Crk, 31 Aug (DFS); 20 (drinking elderberry juice), Mundelein (Lake Co), 22/24 Aug (SB, SD); 20, Kickapoo SP, 4 Oct (R&AM); 20, Carl.C, 27 Sep (DK, m.ob.). **LD**: 14 Nov, Kankakee (JH); 20 Oct, HL (FH); 18 Oct, Carl.C (DK); 17 Oct, Grant P (DFS); 8 Oct, Rkfd (DW).

Orange-crowned Warbler

EA: 19 Sep, Grant P (DFS); 20 Sep, Carl.C (KM, DK, DW, IOS); 22 Sep, Clin.L (RD). **MC**: 6, se. Bureau Co, 28 Sep (C&JMc); 6, Salt Crk, 18 Oct (DFS). **LD**: 17 Nov, Kankakee (JH); 10 Nov (2), Linc.P (JHP, LM); 5 Nov, JP (SC); 1 Nov (2), Carl.L (KM, DK, FB, TM).

Nashville Warbler

EA: 28 Aug, JP (KC); 13 Sep, Carl.L (KM). **MC**: 15, Carl.C, 27 Sep (DK, m.ob.); 10, Illini SP (La Salle Co), 27 Sep (DFS); 6, Kickapoo SP, 4 Oct (R&AM). **LD**: 26 Nov, Ronan P, Chi (AA); 21 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 15 Oct, Linc.P (GW).

Northern Parula

EA: 4 Aug, Carl.C (DK); 6 Sep, Salt Crk (DFS). **MC**: 6, Carl.C, 27 Sep (DK, m.ob.); 4, JP, 30 Sep (PC); 3, Salt Crk, 18 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 16 Oct, Montrose H (LM); 12 Oct, Montrose H (RDH); 4 Oct, Blackhawk FP (Kane Co) (ES); 4 Oct (2), Eggers Woods FP, LCal (DFS).

Yellow Warbler

EA: 20 Aug (2), Linc.P (GW). **MC**: 4, JP, various dates (PC et al.). **LD**: 1 Oct, Linc.P (GW); 27 Sep (2), Illini SP (La Salle Co) (DFS); 25 Sep, Carl.L (KM); 23 Sep, Urbana (SB).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

EA: 23 Aug, McKee Marsh (UG, ES); 28 Aug (2 imm. female), JP (PC); 8 Sep, L Shelbyville (Shelby/Moultrie Cos) (RD); 13 Sep, Carl.L (KM). **MC**: 9, Salt Crk, 18 Sep (DFS); 9, Kankakee, 3 Sep (JH); 6, Urbana, 20 & 23 Sep (SB); 3, Carl.L, 25 Sep (KM). **LD**: 12 Oct (2), Thatcher Wds (WM, JA); 10 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 4 Oct (3), LCal (DFS); 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.).

Magnolia Warbler

EA: 24 Aug, JP (imm. female) (PC); 28 Aug, Chau (SB). **MC**: 22, Salt Crk, 30 Aug & 6 Sep (DFS); 21, JP, 12 Sep (KC); 12, Urbana, 3 Sep (SB); 5, Carl.L, 25 Sep (KM). **LD**: 17 Oct, JP (SC), 6 Oct, Clin.L (RD); 5 Oct (2), Montrose H (GW); 5 Oct (3), Salt Crk (DFS).

Cape May Warbler

EA: 20 Aug, Linc.P (GW). **MC**: 14, Grant P, 19 Sep (DFS). **LD**: **2 Nov**, Evanston (DD); 21 Oct, Montrose H (JHP); 18 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 2 Oct, Galesburg (DJM); 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.).

Black-throated Blue Warbler

EA: 2 Sep (female), JP (PC, SC). **MC**: 3, JP, 28 Sep (BH, SC); 3, Linc.P, 5 Oct (TM, AnS, AFS). **LD**: 21 Oct, Montrose H (JHP); 19 Oct (female), Massac Co (FB). **Others:** 7 Sep, Busey Woods, Urbana (EC); 23 Sep (female), Hennepin L (DFS); 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

EA: 3 Sep, Linc.P (GW); 21 Sep, Carl.C (DK); 23 Sep (3), Urbana (SB). **MC**: 270, Salt Crk, 5 Oct (DFS); 100, Kickapoo SP, 4 Oct (R&AM); 20, Carl.C, 25-26 Oct (DK); 20, Rend L, 28 Oct (KM).

Black-throated Green Warbler

EA: 25 Aug, Argonne National Labortory (Du Page Co) (UG); 30 Aug, Kankakee (JH); 30 Aug (3), Salt Crk (DFS); 21 Sep, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 13, Salt Crk, 28 Sep (DFS); 6, Carl.C, 25 Sep (KM) & 27 Sep (DK, m.ob.). **LD**: 31 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 20 Oct, HL (FH); 18 Oct; Schuyler Co (LLH); 12 Oct, Galesburg (DJM); 11 Oct, Sand Rdg (TM, LA).

Blackburnian Warbler

EA: 21 Aug, Kankakee (JH); 31 Aug (5), Salt Crk (DFS). **MC**: 6, Salt Crk, 6 Sep (DFS); 4, Massac Co, 7 Sep (FB). **LD**: 4 Oct, Blackhawk FP (Kane Co) (WM et al.); 3 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 29 Sep, Montrose H (GW); 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.); 20 Sep, Grundy Co (DFS).

Yellow-throated Warbler

LD: 25 Sep, Rock Island Co (SFd); 31 Jul, Pulaski Co (KM, DK, TM).

GRACE'S WARBLER

8 Sep, Montrose H (CC, JHP, RDH:ph, KH:ph, m.ob.)—**first state record**. See next issue for an article on this species. Also see IORC report in this issue.

Pine Warbler

EA: 17 Sep, JP (DA); 22 Sep, Clin.L (RD). **MC**: 2, Thatcher Wds, 21 Sep (DFS, JA); 2, JP, 28 Sep (PC, BH). **LD**: 17 Nov, Lyons Woods (Lake Co) (KM).

Prairie Warbler

LD: 6 Aug (imm.), JP (KC).

Palm Warbler

EA: 30 Aug, Salt Crk (DFS); 22 Sep (2), Chau (SB); 25 Sep, Carl.L (KM). **MC**: 75, Grant P, 19 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 31 Oct (2), Montrose H (CG); 26 Oct (2), JP (KC); 24 Oct, Grant P (DFS); 19 Oct, Carl.F (DK).

Bay-breasted Warbler

EA: 29 Aug, JP (SC); 6 Sep, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 18, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 30 Aug (AA); 13, Salt Crk, 28 Sep (DFS). 10, Urbana, 3 Sep (SB). **LD**: 9 Oct, Galesburg (DJM); 8 Oct, Line.P (GW); 4 Oct (2), Eggers Woods FP, LCal (DFS); 4 Oct, Kickapoo SP (R&AM); 25 Sep, Carl.L (KM).

Blackpoll Warbler

EA: 28 Aug (2), JP (PC, KC); 3 Sep, Linc.P (GW). **MC**: 13, Salt Crk, 6 Sep (DFS). **LD**: **11 Nov**, JP (*PC)—latest recent record (see Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois* for three older late dates (1931-1976) to 22 Nov); 13 Oet, Skokie Lagoons FP (Cook Co) (JLd).

Cerulean Warbler
LD: 6 Sep, Salt Crk (DFS).

Black-and-white Warbler
EA: 17 Aug (ad. male), JP (SC). **MC**: 9, Chi, 20 Sep (GW); 7, Salt Crk, 18 Sep (DFS); 7, Thatcher Wds, 21 Sep (DFS); 3, Carl.C, 13 Sep (KM). **LD**: 1 Oct, JP (PC); 29 Sep, Montrose H (GW); 25 Sep, Carl.L (KM).

American Redstart
EA: **22 Jul** (female), JP (PC); 11 Aug, Spfld (RJ). **MC**: 85, Chi lakefront, 20 Sep (WS); 63, Kankakee, 3 Sep (JH); 42, Salt Crk, 30 Aug (DFS); 23, Urbana, 20 Sep (SB). **LD**: 16 Oct, Linc.P (GW); 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.).

Prothonotary Warbler
MC: 2, Rend L, 20 Aug (KM). **LD**: **21 Sep**, Carl.C (DK).

Worm-eating Warbler
LD: 31 Jul (2), Jackson Co (KM, DK, TM).

Ovenbird
EA: 30 Aug, Salt Crk (DFS). **MC**: 10, Chi, 27 Sep (JC); 8, JP, 28 Sep (PC, BH); 5, Salt Crk, 18 Sep (DFS); 4, Urbana, 3 Sep (SB); 2, Carl.C, various dates 6-25 Sep (KM, DK). **LD**: 22 Oct, Chi (GW).

Northern Waterthrush
EA: 5 Aug, Linc.P (KH); 12 Aug, JP (KC); 28 Aug (5), Chau (SB). **MC**: 10, JP, 23 Sep (PC); 6, Linc.P, 17 Sep (GW); 5, Thatcher Wds, 21 Sep (DFS); 3, Chau, 6 Sep (KM). **LD**: **16 Nov**, Ronan P, Chi (AA); 21 Oct, JP (SC).

Louisiana Waterthrush
LD: 2 Aug, Calhoun Co (HDB); 31 Jul, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KM, DK, TM).

Kentucky Warbler
LD: 13 Sep, Carl.L (KM).

Connecticut Warbler
EA: 31 Aug, Fermi (ES); 1 Sep, JP (PC); 6 Sep, IBSP (DW, AFS). **LD**: **15 Oct**, IBSP (AFS); 4 Oct, JP (SC); 1 Oct, Grant P (DFS).

Mourning Warbler
EA: 25 Aug, Montrose H (RDH); 28 Aug (imm.), JP (PC); 30 Aug, Salt Crk (DFS). **MC**: 4, Chi, 8 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 28 Sep, JP (PC, BH); 24 Sep, Grant P (DFS); 20 Sep (ad. male), Urbana (SB).

Common Yellowthroat
EA: 2 Sep, JP (PC, KC); 5 Sep, Grant Park (DFS). **MC**: 21, Chi, 20 Sep (GW); 13, Salt Crk, 28 Sep (DFS); 4, Carl.L, 25 Sep (KM). **LD**: 17 Nov, IBSP (KM); 2 Nov, Carl.C (DK); 1 Nov, Evanston (WS).

Hooded Warbler
LD: 8 Sep, Kankakee (JH); 31 Jul (2), Jackson Co (KM, DK, TM).

Wilson's Warbler
EA: 24 Aug (male), JP (PC); 3 Sep, Urbana (SB). **MC**: 7, JP, 4 Sep (BH, PC) & 12 Sep (KC); 3, Carl.C, 14 Sep (DK). **LD**: 16 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 5 Oct, Skokie Lagoons FP (Cook Co) (JLd); 27 Sep, Carl.C (DK, m.ob.).

Canada Warbler
EA: 20 Aug, Linc.P (GW); 28 Aug, Carl.L (KM). **LD**: 21 Sep, Kankakee (JH); 21 Sep, Thatcher Wds (DFS); 20 Sep, JP (SC).

Yellow-breasted Chat
MC: 2, Carl.C, 12 Aug (DK, HDB). **LD**: 23 Sep, Kankakee (JH); 14 Sep, Carl.C (DK).

Summer Tanager
LD: **31 Oct**, O'Fallon (KM)—**record Illinois late date** excluding a 1999 wintering record.

Scarlet Tanager
MC: 4, Rock Cut, 22 Sep (DW); 3, Salt Crk, 25 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 9 Oct, Coles Co (LBH); 9 Oct, Linc.P (CAT); 5 Oct, Montrose H (GW).

Eastern Towhee
EA: 7 Oct, JP (PC). **MC**: 10, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK); 4, Sand Rdg, 28 Sep (RJ); 2, LCal, 4 Oct (DFS). **LD**: 21 Oct, Kankakee (JH); 20 Oct, Clin.L (RD); 18 Oct, Salt Crk (DFS).

American Tree Sparrow
EA: 16 Oct (2), Grant P (DFS), 9 Nov, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 112, e. Kankakee Co, 29 Nov (DFS); 35, Champaign (Champaign Co), 6 Nov (RJ).

Chipping Sparrow
EA: 4 Sep, JP (PC). **MC**: 30, Urbana, 29 Sep (EC); 20, Argonne National Labortory (Du Page Co), 15 Sep (UG); 18, n. Marshall Co, 23 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 9 Nov, HL (FH); 6 Nov, Kankakee (JH); 3 Nov, Chau (KM); 2 Nov, Galesburg (DJM); 1 Nov, Carl.C (DK, FB, TM, KM); 21 Oct, JP (PC).

Clay-colored Sparrow
EA: **25 Aug**, Montrose H (KH); 31 Aug, Kane Co (KM); 2 Sep, Middle Fork Savanna FP (Lake Co) (SB). **MC**: 3, I&M Canal (Will Co), 18 Sep (JC); 2, Kane Co, 1 Sep (KM). **LD**: 17 Oct, Grant P (DFS); 28 Sep, Montrose H (GW).

Field Sparrow
EA: 7 Oct (2), JP (KC). **MC**: 40, Goose L Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co), 26 Oct (DFS); 10, Carl.C, 25-26 Oct (DK). **LD**: 6 Nov (11), Kankakee (JH); 6 Nov, Champaign (Champaign Co) (RJ); 5 Nov (3), JP (SC).

Vesper Sparrow
MC: 14, Putnam Co, 23 Sep (DFS); 5, Carl.C, 1 Nov (DK, KM, FB, TM). **LD**: 19 Nov, JP (SC); 9 Nov, HL (FH); 19 Oct, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DW).

Lark Sparrow
MC: 3, Sand Rdg, 9 Aug (DK, KM, TM). **LD**: 24 Aug, McCune Sand Prairie (Bureau Co) (C&JMc).

Savannah Sparrow
EA: 5 Sep, JP (SC); 6 Sep, Chau (KM, KR); 7 Sep, Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 45, 18 Bottoms (Franklin Co), 28 Oct (LS); 30, Carl.L, 31 Oct (KM, CL); 17, Clin.L, 6 Oct (RD); 17, Kendall Co, 1 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 13 Nov, McCormick Place (AA, MH); 2 Nov, JP (PC); 3 Nov, L Shelbyville (Shelby/Moultrie Cos) (RD); 26 Oct, Goose L Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co) (DFS).

Grasshopper Sparrow
MC: 5, Mason Co, 9 Aug (KM, DK, TM). **LD**: 3 Nov, Clin.L (RD).

Henslow's Sparrow
MC: 4, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK). **LD**: **16 Nov**, HL (FH)—second latest Illinois departure; 9 Oct, Montrose H (RDH); 2 Sep, Kankakee (JH).

Le Conte's Sparrow

EA: 5 Oct, HL (FH); 10 Oct, Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 7, Carl.C, 1 Nov (KM, DK, FB, TM); 7, Chau, 11 Oct (TM, LA); 3, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 11 Oct (DW). **LD**: 16 Nov, HL (FH); 1 Nov, Hennepin L (C&JMc).

Le Conte's Sparrow. Chautauqua Lake, Mason County. 11 October 2003. Photos by Travis A. Mahan.

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

EA: 7 Sep, Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 10, Carl.F, 20 Sep (DK, IOS); 10, Montrose H, 20 Sep (ES); 8, Linc.P, 20 Sep (WS); 4, Hennepin L, 5 Oct (C&JMc); 3, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 21 Sep (DW). **LD**: **1 Nov**, Carl.C (DK, KM, FB, TM); 19 Oct, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co) (UG); 27 Sep (3), McCormick Place (GW).

Harris's Sparrow. Jarvis Sanctuary, Cook County. 16 October 2003. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Fox Sparrow

EA: 19 Sep, Grant P (DFS), 13 Oct, Chau (DK, LA, KM); 13 Oct, Clin.L (RD); 18 Oct, Schuyler Co (LLH). **MC**: **55**, Herricks L (Du Page Co), 3 Nov (ES)—**record fall high count**; 23, Hennepin L, 22 Oct (DFS); 12, Linc.P, 16 Oct (GW), 8, Carl.C, 9 Nov (DK). **LD**: 26 Nov (2), JP (CH, DA).

Song Sparrow

EA: 20 Aug, Linc.P (GW). **MC**: 57, Hennepin L, 22 Oct (DFS); 30, Carl.C, 9 Nov (DK).

Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 4 Sep, JP (PC); 5 Sep, Montrose H (GW); 25 Sep, Carl.L (KM). **MC**: 13, McCormick Place, 27 Sep (GW); 2, Carl.C, 25 Oct (DK). **LD**: 8 Nov, Spoon L (Knox Co) (DJM); 3 Nov, Chau (KM); 2 Nov, JP (PC); 1 Nov, Carl.C (DK, FB, TM, KM); 26 Oct (2), Grundy Co (DFS).

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 16 Sep, Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 46, Hennepin L, 22 Oct (DFS); 40, Carl.L, 31 Oct (KM); 19, Linc.P, 16 Oct (GW). **LD**: 23 Nov, JP (KC).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: 31 Aug, **Charleston** (LBH)—evidently record early outside northern Illinois; 16 Sep, JP (KC); 16 Sep, Montrose H (GW); 23 Sep (8), Urbana (SB); 4 Oct, Carl.C (DK). **MC**: 210, Linc.P, 16 Oct (GW); 127, Grant P, 1 Oct (DFS); 75, Busey Woods, Urbana, 19 Oct (EC); 50, HL, 31 Oct (KM, CL).

Harris's Sparrow

EA: 4 Oct, Grant P (JH, DRD, JD); 12 Oct, HL (FH). **LD**: 1-2 Nov, Carl.C (DK, KM, FB, TM); 19 Oct (imm.), Forest Park (Cook Co) (R&AM). **Others**: 16 Oct (imm.), Linc.P (GW); 25 Oct (imm.), Franklin Co (LS).

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 20 Sep, Rainbow Beach, Chi (WS). **MC**: 50, Carl.C, 26 Oct (DK); 45, Champaign (Champaign Co), 6 Nov (RJ); 28, Putnam Co, 25 Oct (DFS). **LD**: 8 Nov, JP (KC). Poor migration on Chicago lakefront.

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 19 Sep, Grant P (DFS); 27 Sep, Urbana (EC); 4 Oct, Kickapoo SP (R&AM). **MC**: 225, e. Kankakee Co, 29 Nov (DFS); 214, Linc.P, 16 Oct (GW); 80, Carl.C, 11 Nov (DK); 72, Sand Rdg, 3 Nov (KM). **Oregon Junco**: 16 Nov into Dec, Palos (WS).

Lapland Longspur

EA: 27 Sep, Montrose H (JC, MBC); 28 Sep, GrtLakes (DRD); 4 Oct, Grant P (JH). **MC**: 500, Carl.C, 5 Nov (TM, DK).

Smith's Longspur

LD: 16 Nov, 3, Rochester (Sangamon Co) (PW:ph). Appears to be a first Illinois fall record to be documented with a photo/specimen.

Snow Bunting

EA: 17 Oct, Montrose H (GW). **MC**: 38, IBSP, 15 Nov (DW).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 47, Ogle Co, 22 Nov (DFS); 31, Carl.L, 25 Sep (KM).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 31 Aug, JP (PC). **MC**: 43, se. Bureau Co, 28 Sep (C&JMc); 15, Thatcher Wds, 21 Sep (DFS); 12, Clin.L, 22 Sep (RD); 9, Carl.L, 25 Sep (KM). **LD**: 20 Oct (female), JP (KC); 20 Oct, Clin.L (RD); 8 Oct, Eggers Woods FP, LCal (DFS).

Blue Grosbeak

MC: 2, Carl.C, 23 Aug & 21 Sep (DK) and 9 Aug, Sand Rdg (KM, DK, TM). **LD**: **19 Oct**, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (DK)—**record Illinois late date** (previously 11 Oct) excluding one overwintering at feeder in 1980.

Indigo Bunting

MC: 43, se. Bureau Co, 23 Sep (DFS); 21, Carl.L, 25 Sep (KM). **LD**: 26 Oct, Carl.C (DK); 19 Oct, Chau (KM); 16 Oct (female), Linc.P (WS).

[Painted Bunting

LD: 26 Jul, St. Clair Co (at site of previous nesting).]

Dickcissel
MC: 11, Kankakee, 2 Aug (JH); 10, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK). **LD**: **14 Nov**, Urbana (HP); 1 Nov, Carl.C (KM, DK, FB, TM).

Bobolink
EA: 17 Aug, Kankakee (JH); 28 Aug (9), Chau (SB); 28 Aug (30), Carl.F (KM). **MC**: **245**, Chau, 6 Sep (KM, HDB)—**easy record fall high count** (previously 86, Arcola (Douglas Co), 1 Sep 1990). **LD**: 23 Sep, n. Marshall Co (DFS); 23 Sep, Busey Woods, Urbana (EC); 20 Sep, Montrose H (GW); 20 Sep, Carl.C (KM, DK, IOS).

Red-winged Blackbird
MC: 6000, Carl.C, 9 Nov (DK); 2200, Grundy Co, 26 Oct (DFS); 425, Kankakee River SP (Kankakee Co), 26 Nov (JH).

Eastern Meadowlark
MC: 40, Carl.C, 27 Sep (DK, m.ob.). **LD**: 23 Nov (18), Reilly (Vermilion Co) (PW, SB, CMd).

Western Meadowlark
MC: 15, Dunham Road (McHenry Co), 23 Aug (SB, SD); 5, Momence (Kankakee Co), 15 Sep (SB). **LD**: 26 Oct, Carl.C (DK).

Yellow-headed Blackbird
EA: **1 Jul**, Montrose H (RDH)—record early if true migrant. **MC**: 2, Carl.F, 30 Aug (DK, MD, TM). **LD**: 24 Sep (female), Grant P (DFS), 15 Sep, Montrose H (GW, LM).

Rusty Blackbird
EA: 28 Sep, Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). **MC**: 180, Blackhawk FP (Kane Co), 3 Oct (GW); 75, Carl.C, 27 Nov (DK).

Brewer's Blackbird
EA: 13 Oct, Quiver L (Mason Co) (KM, DK, LA). **MC**: 30, Dunham Road (McHenry Co), 23 Aug & 7 Sep (SB,SD & R&AM, resp.); 20, Carl.C, 1 Nov (DK, KM, FB, TM). **LD**: 30 Nov, Sehuyler Co (LLH).

Common Grackle
MC: 5000, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 29 Aug (TM); 4950, Putnam Co, 25 Oct (DFS); 2000, Carl.C, 9 Nov (DK).

Brown-headed Cowbird
MC: 500, Carl.C, 21 Sep (DK); 400, Waltonville (Jefferson Co), 5 Aug (DK, TM, AS); 152, Grundy Co, 26 Oct (DFS).

Orchard Oriole
MC: 3, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK). **LD**: 31 Aug (2), Boone Co (AB); 30 Aug, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (AA); 30 Aug, Salt Crk (DFS); 28 Aug, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (KM).

Baltimore Oriole
MC: 6, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK); 6, Kankakee, 23 Aug (JH); 4, JP, 12 Aug (PC). **LD**: 13 Sep, Carl.L (KM); 9 Sep, Grant P (DFS).

Purple Finch
EA: 15 Sep, Clin.L (RD); 20 Sep, Linc.P (WS); 21 Sep (female), Thatcher Wds (DFS); 13 Oct, Sand Rdg (KM, DK, LA). **MC**: 35, McKee Marsh, 26 Oct (ES); 16, Mason Co, 20 Oct (KM); 11, Hennepin L, 25 Oct (DFS); 6, Urbana, 21 Nov (SB,SD); 2, Carl.C, 27 Nov (DK). **LD**: into Dec.

House Finch
MC: 81, Montrose H, 10 Oct (GW); 63, JP, 17 Oct (SC); 12, Champaign (Champaign Co), 30 Nov (RD); 12, O'Fallon, 9 Nov (KM).

Smith's Longspur. Near Rochester, Sangamon County. 16 November 2003. Photo by Peter Weber.

This may be the first photo documenting Smith's Longspur for Illinois in the fall. This bird was with two other Smith's Longspurs and approximately 200 Lapland Longspurs.

Common Redpoll
EA: **16 Oct**, Chi (GW)—second earliest Illinois arrival date. **MC**: 3, Palos, 27 Nov (WS); 3, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 16-17 Nov (AFS, KM). **Other**: 13 Nov, Galesburg (DJM).

Pine Siskin
EA: 1 Oct, Kankakee (JH). **MC**: 65-70, Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co), 29 Nov (UG); 37, IBSP, 15 Nov (DW); 15, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 21 Nov (C&JMc).

American Goldfinch
MC: 400, Carl.C, 9 Nov (DK); 150, HL, 2 Nov (KM); 82, Ogle Co, 22 Nov (DFS).

House Sparrow
MC: 540, Ogle Co, 22 Nov (DFS)—the highest published fall count in the Illinois journal summaries; 200, Carl.C, 4 Aug (DK).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow
MC: 125+, Chau, 25 Aug (TM). **Others**: 22 Nov, Galesburg (DJM); 30 Nov (several), Mercer Co (DJM).

EXOTICS:

Trumpeter Swan
EA: 19 Oct (unbanded adult), Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DW). **MC**: 4 (2 ad., 2 imm., green neck bands), Chau, 8 Nov (R&SBj). **Others**: 2, Carl.C, 30 Nov (MS).

Ringed Turtle-Dove
MC: 28, Kendall Co, 1 Sep (DFS).

Budgerigar
13 Aug - 5 Sep, JP (KC, m.ob.).

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Looks simple from Hokkaido to Eternity: A simple transect
From Otaru to Oblivion. And now again, the sky
Gets in the way; the pull of gravity proves greater
Than the lure of angels, and I am dragged again to limbo,
The Pittsburgh dump, Jamaica Bay, New Brunswick, or Chicago.

I don't suppose they think of me back east. I don't
Suppose the Rising Sun is mourning. I know by now
The Heavens lie beyond my reach, and I can't suppose
There's any road from Chicago to Eternity.
Suppose, I guess, I rest in limbo here,
A perfect stranger, on a windy city beach.

--Paul R. Clyne, August 2003